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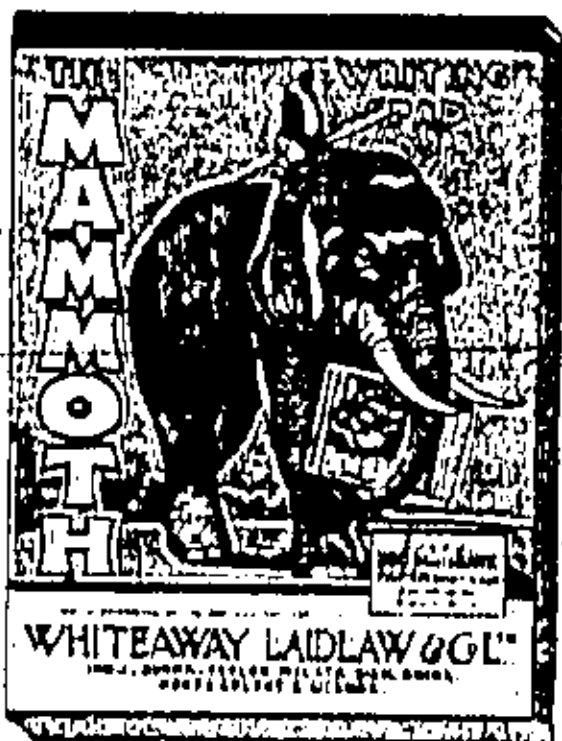
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PEAK WATER. GOVERNMENT STATEMENT BROADCAST. MINIMUM CONSUMPTION. Higher Levels Completely Isolated.

Publicity is now being resorted to by a Government office. This is hardly the time to bring up such a matter, but residents will recall the fact that the "China Mail" has all along advocated a department of information.

Apparently, the value of judicious propaganda has been realised as the P.W.D. is broadcasting a notice on the water supply to the higher levels.

The main facts were given in yesterday's "China Mail." The notice reads:—

FACTS & FIGURES.

The Peak, Conduit Road and Robinson Road districts are entirely supplied from the Pokfulam Road pumping station with water.

Water is pumped to the 750 ft. tank situated close to Hatton Road and the water gravitates from this tank, which when full holds 388,000 gallons; to Conduit Road and May Road as far as the May Road Peak Tram station; and Robinson Road as far as Peak Road (Seth's Corner).

The Peak supply is pumped to the Peak reservoir, which holds when full 395,000 gallons, and is situated just below the Peak flag-staff. Water from the Peak reservoir gravitates all over the Peak district west and south of Findlay Path and Plantation Road.

Water also gravitates from the Peak reservoir at night to Mount Gough service reservoir, which holds when full 211,000 gallons, and is situated on the summit of Mt. Gough above "Tanderagee." Mt. Gough service reservoir serves all the Peak district east and north of Findlay Path and Plantation Road to Wanchai Gap and Mt. Cameron.

Present Position.

Pokfulam Road pumping station contains three engines, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, the combined capacity of Nos. 1 and 2 being equal to the capacity of No. 3. These three pumps give the only supply to the Peak and high level districts.

On Monday a large boulder weighing between 2,000 and 3,000 tons fell from the hillside and completely demolished the eastern end of the pumping station, carrying away the Elliot approach road and seven pumping and supply mains and completely wrecking No. 3 engine.

No. 2 engine at the time of the accident was under overhaul and therefore dismantled, the dismantled portion being in the eastern half of the pumping station which is now under hundreds of tons of rock.

The only pump therefore left intact is the No. 1, or one quarter of the capacity of the original pumping station, and this pump cannot be operated until one of the pumping mains has been repaired. The whole of the higher levels is therefore completely isolated and is meantime entirely dependent on the water left in the Peak reservoir, Mt. Gough reservoir and 750 ft. tank—a rapidly dwindling quantity.

First Objective.

Work is at present being concentrated on the repair of one high level pumping main and it is hoped to get this through by Sunday or Monday when it will be possible to pump a small supply.

Work in the second place is being concentrated on the repair of No. 2 engine, but as both new forgings and castings are necessary it may be a month before this can be completed.

It is impossible so far to say how much, if any, of the No. 3 engine can be saved, but in any case it will be many months before a full supply can be resumed in the Peak and high level districts.

This explanation is issued so that consumers may realise the real state of affairs and take the necessary steps to reduce to a minimum the consumption of water from the mains.

Water from nullahs should meantime be collected for washing and flushing purposes till further notice.

Drinking water should be boiled.

TWO SHIPS ASHORE. INTENSE GALE MISSES BY 40 MILES. RESCUE TUG UNABLE TO MOVE.

Typhoon Stops All Business & Law Courts.

RECORD LOW BAROMETER?

A very intense typhoon—the second to pass Hongkong this season—caused considerable havoc this morning.

Two sea-going steamers have already been blown aground. At mid-day, a river steambot was drifting helplessly in another part of the harbour, assistance not being possible in the furious weather.

Although the "blow" was not felt very much in the city, business and the Law Courts and all business centres were at a standstill.

According to one expert, the "glass" has shown a record.

No calamity of importance had been reported by noon, on shore.

Expected yesterday to be making a bee-line for Hongkong, this typhoon showed practically no deviation at all and the centre missed us by 40 miles. It was so intense that—in the opinion of a Royal Naval officer—we would have been blown to bits if it had struck us with full force.

Government "red tape" precludes the "China Mail" from obtaining details as to squall velocity barometer readings. A private instrument, on sea-level, Hongkong side, recorded 29.18 early this morning, before the change in signals. Towards 1 p.m. the reading was 29.19 and steady. Our informant thinks this is a record but is open to correction.

Ships in Distress.

The ships in distress are the s.s. "Pawnee," the s.s. "Confucius," and the steamboat "Ting On." The "Pawnee" has two funnels and is familiar to Stonecutters bathers, having lain up for months at anchor, outside Yaumati Bay, between Stonecutters and the breakwater. The "Seistan" was another idle vessel in that locality but she went out to a harbour buoy and was safe.

Drifted Ashore.

Unable to stay against the wind, the "Pawnee" drifted westwards, by Stonecutters until she heaved Kapsuimun, the passage from Hongkong to Macao and Canton. On one side was Chung Hue Island, on which is the Royal Artillery datum (a patch of cliff painted white) and Kap Sing lighthouse. The "Pawnee" was ultimately driven ashore on Chung Hue. Owing to the weather prevailing assistance had not been despatched at the time of writing nor is it known if the ship is in immediate danger of sinking, or breaking up.

The s.s. "China Arrow" reported sighting a vessel ashore at Chung Hue. Then the Government rescue tug "Kau Sing" which had been patrolling the harbour since the storm began, sent back another message.

Mr. C. J. Thompson, senior harbour officer of the Harbour Office, is in command, and he is in constant wireless communication with Lt.-Com. G. F. Hole, R.N. (Harbour Master).

"Kau Sing" in Danger.

The "Kau Sing" identified the "Pawnee." But the tug was in dire distress herself. She was behind Stonecutters, two anchors down and actually steaming ahead to prevent her dragging anchors and being carried away by the elements.

Readers can best image for themselves the state of the weather when it is remembered that the "Kau Sing," although of single screw, was in such a position—and she was built for typhoon rescue.

"Confucius" Ashore.

That clumsy looking vessel, the "Confucius" has gone aground in Kowloon Bay, off the China Light and Power Co.'s premises at Hung Hom.

The "Confucius" was formerly a "Lake" boat on the U.S. Shipping Board feeder service and was sold to Chinese interests. She has been unemployed for some time and was anchored in Kowloon Bay, to take refuge from the typhoon. Her fate is not known.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand to-day was 2/2 9/16.

known but it is surmised that instantaneous help was not possible.

River Boat Adrift. The river boat adrift is the "Ting On," which is 180 feet long. She had gone to Kwong Tuck Cheong's shipyard for repairs and was reported to be dragging her anchors in Kowloon Bay.

Until the typhoon abates, full details will not be available.

That there has been other damage is evident from the fact that a Government buoy was cut adrift. In the morning this morning was noticed to be off Jardine's wharf, West Point praya.

The bigger vessels which were at harbour buoys, or those which took up similar positions after yesterday's warning, are all reported to be safe.

Taking Precaution.

Of river steamers, those hitherto idle, had taken time by the forelock and proceeded to shelter. The Steamboat Co.'s "Lung Shan" did not leave for Canton this morning, nor did the "Tai-

Full details of the deluge, with illustrations, will be published in the "Overland China Mail," which will be on sale to-morrow morning in time to catch the Home mail by the "Ranpura."

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shan" go to Macao. The "Kinshan" stopped at Macao. The China Navigation Co.'s "Pat-shan" may have left Canton this morning for Hongkong, or she may have stayed there. But there are many places where she could have taken shelter if she was on the river.

The "Sai On" also left her wharf at Hongkong for a more secure place; the "Tung On" and "Chuen Chow" did not leave Macao.

Track of Typhoon.

Thanks to the courtesy of the Harbour Master, the "China Mail" has been able to reconstruct the path of the typhoon from the time it was first "spotted" out in the Pacific.

This typhoon came along, passing between Luzon and Formosa, to the south of Pratas and Hongkong. In 66 hours, it travelled 900 miles. That is, it moved westwards (or W.N.W.) at a rate of about 13½ miles an hour. The maximum squall velocity (i.e., the strength of the wind revolving in the cyclone) can only be obtained from the Observatory, which is now inaccessible.

Of the supposedly abnormal air pressure, mention has already been made.

With the facts at hand, and the information that the typhoon was very intense—radius unknown—Hongkongites can still be thankful that they did not get the worse.

Consulting expert opinion this morning, the "China Mail" was informed that if the typhoon maintained its course, it should strike the coast to the west of Hongkong; but, and here the speaker preferred to reserve his pronouncement, it may still curve in any direction so that all danger to the Colony is not entirely passed.

The previous typhoon followed a route somewhat to the south of the present one but took a right-angle turn towards Swatow. On nearing the coast, it curved again, outwards, round Swatow and went inland to cause Hongkong's deluge. This movement is considered phenomenal.

Sequence Of Signals.

The signals explain how the typhoon was anticipated here.

At 12.10 p.m. yesterday, No. 1 local signal was hoisted, (a red cone pointing upwards) meaning that a typhoon existed which may cause a gale in Hongkong within 24 hours.

At 4.20 p.m., there appeared the black cone pointing upwards (No. 2) which meant: gale expected from the North (N.W. to N.E.). At 5.30 a.m. to-day, No. 6 went up. This is the black double cone which means: Gale expected to increase. By this time the glass had fallen and it was fairly certain that the typhoon was coming here. As a matter of fact, the first signs of a blow were noticed about 3 a.m.

By 7.45 a.m., No. 4 signal (a black drum) had superseded the others, meaning: gale expected from the East (E. to S.E.)—showing that danger was now expected from another direction.

About 10 a.m., a message came through thus: The typhoon is passing to a few miles South of Gap Rock (which is about 35 miles to the south of Hongkong), in a westerly direction; no great increase of wind is anticipated at Hongkong.

"Empress" Delayed.

The R. M. S. "Empress of Russia" which was scheduled to leave at noon to-day, for Vancouver via ports, will not sail until the weather clears up. The liner, which was formerly alongside the dock in Kowloon, has now gone to buoy in mid-stream. Passengers and all concerned will be notified six hours before the liner's departure.

Mails Held Up.

Mails from Home (letters and papers, London, June 24, and parcels June 17) were due by the P. and O. steamer, "Magdalena," the vessel being scheduled to arrive at 6 a.m. to-day. When inquiries were made at noon, it was ascertained that the vessel was outside Lyemou-Pass, waiting for better weather to make port.

The s.s. "President Wilson" arrived last night and anchored in Kowloon Bay. Mails from the U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai are still aboard.

Other Ships.

The S.S. "Talmok," also of the same line, is outside Kowloon Bay, and cannot possibly make her way in, it being impossible for the pilot to go on board.

All the vessels of the Indo-China Steam Navigation have taken refuge at Kowloon Bay, and are tied to typhoon buoys, sailings being postponed until more favourable conditions. The S.S. "Ytshing," which was scheduled to leave yesterday for Shanghai, has been postponed until this afternoon, but has been unable to leave up to the present.

The Glenn Line, agents for the S.S. "Carnarvonshire" report that due to the typhoon, the "Carnarvonshire" has not arrived in port and that they have not received any message from its skipper. The "Carnarvonshire" was scheduled to leave this afternoon for London.

Due to typhoon conditions, the M.M. ship, "General Metzinger" and the A. and O. steamer, "Tai-

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YESTERDAY'S TALK LASTS 20 MINUTES.

CANTON RUMOURS.

Officials Preserve Strict Secrecy.

At the moment of writing no official communique has reached the "China Mail" regarding the conference, at Canton, to negotiate for a settlement of the boycott.

According to arrangement, the two delegations resumed meeting at the Foreign Office yesterday morning, when the proceedings are stated to have lasted twenty minutes.

Very strict secrecy has been preserved.

A rumour which is attributed to Canton diplomatic circles is that prospects are of the brightest and that situation is hopeful.

On the other hand reports are circulating that draft terms have been presented to the Hongkong delegation and that such "demands" may prove an unsurmountable obstacle. If the agenda has not been departed from, the settlement terms will have been tabled by now.

ping" are taking refuge in Junk Bay.

Earlier Typhoon.

The typhoon which passed Hongkong on Saturday and struck the coast south of Swatow did not cause any damage amongst shipping so far as can be ascertained from reports received at the Harbour Office. The majority report having experienced "heavy swell, squalls, moderate winds," etc.

No further news is available with regard to the s.s. "Nankai Maru," owned by the Kaikun Kabushiki Kaisha of Tsurumi, which sent out a distress signal received by local stations when the ship was approximately 400 miles S.E. of Hongkong and 100 miles east of the northern coast of Luzon.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Although Hongkong may count itself fortunate in that it has escaped the main force of the typhoon, the high wind and rain that has fallen to our portion as its "backwash" has undone much of the work of repair that was in hand in connection with the clearances of roads. The extent of this damage it is impossible to state at the moment owing to the difficulty of survey work.

Also, it may be added, it is too soon to assume that Hongkong is definitely clear of the typhoon but the only chance of our being involved in its train is in the case of a very definite turn.

Early Ferries.

Although during the period in which the No. 6 signal was up the red flag (signifying that ferries might stop at any minute) was visible at the "Star" ferry wharf the ferries continued running until shortly after 9 a.m. although considerable difficulty was experienced in effecting a landing. One ferry, in fact, after bringing passengers across the harbour from Kowloon, had to turn back after making unavailing efforts to get near enough the wharf to render safe the lowering of the gangway.

The last ferry to discharge passengers on the Hongkong side successfully accomplished the feat at 9.10 but without lowering the gangway. The pier head was used as a fulcrum for bringing the boat alongside and it was then possible for passengers to jump ashore. The very heavy seas running caused the boats to roll a great deal in the course of the passage across and difficulty was experienced in making the wharf. The set of the current took several of the boats in the direction of Queen's pier but they were all able to make up leeway.

The ferries recommenced running shortly after 1 p.m. The waves broke over the Praya occasionally, in the central districts but this was more noticeable in the West Point area where accumulations of debris have been flung ashore. A human body afloat was plainly visible near the Pottinger wharf.

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MARSHAL SUN ON TOUR.

AN APPRECIATION OF THE
CHERKANG TUPAN.

Haichow, July 9.
Marshal Sun Chuan-fang has paid his long-expected visit to Haichow.

One correspondent has not been able for a long number of years to place the letters "H.E." before the names of the ex-rebbers, rough-neck soldiers and ignorant upstarts who have managed to climb into the seats of the mighty, but he hesitatingly gives that title to the new ruler of these five provinces, whose arm is proving long enough to reach into the farthest corner of his domains, and whose singularly quiet voice is heard all the way from the Shantung border to the limits of Fokien.

It is not claimed that the super-tactician has arrived on the scene, who can and will reduce all other tactics into vassalage. But there has arisen—from nowhere—this man who is showing himself completely and fully capable of governing wisely and well the provinces over which he has appointed himself. The world has been willing and waiting for "George" to do it. Marshal Sun is the "George" of the five provinces. Long life and prosperity to him!

Unusual Spectacle.

The people of this province have been treated to an unusual spectacle, real power functioning smoothly. We have been expecting the Marshal for some time, but he was always at an undetermined place we began to regard him as a myth. Then suddenly last week it was whispered that for the next three days there would be no business done by any one great or small in this or the neighbouring towns. The wise ones pushed back the year. They said that there might be a few restrictions on the day the Marshal entered the city, special guards being appointed for the occasion but there would be business as usual. They had a jar.

Last Sunday morning the city gates and streets leading to the railway station were swept clean of every vegetable peddler. Shops were closed and the streets bristled with armed guards. Not the ordinary swaggering soldier but men standing at attention, bayonets gleaming and some with automatic pistols, not in their holsters, but in their hands ready for any surprise. Any one was free to go out of the city but there was a blanket order forbidding any one to enter—and it was enforced with a surprising impartiality.

As far as is known, your correspondent is the only man not in military circles who made two trips through the city that day. I had a preaching engagement at a town 12 miles distant and did not know of the embargo on city traffic until my machine was at the North Gate. The immunity we enjoyed last year during wars and riots still had its potency and the guards let me pass in and out without challenge. As I rode out of the East Gate the spectacle outside its portals gave me no little amusement; there was a large band of students coming home from Commencement at a neighbouring normal school, and the whole crowd was outside, casting father longing eyes at the city gates, within which gleamed the forbidding bayonets of the soldiers.

Old Order Changeth.

A year ago these same students were running wild over the land, uprooting all true and good Chinese to boycott the despised foreigner; cursing him at every opportunity and reveling in the glory of it; they were then the saviours of the country, the ushers-in of a new order of liberty and fraternalism. To-day they were shut out—lepers without the gate—while the despised foreigner went through unmolested and unconcerned. Every dog has his day! But more of the student at a later date.

It was rumored that the Marshal's arrival would be heralded by the boom of a dozen cannon and that his entry would be in great pomp and power. The day dragged by and he came not. The guards sweltered in their uniforms but stayed on their stations, while the Marshal's special train made its way leisurely along, stopping at the various stations where triumphal arches had been erected. And when after a day's delay he did enter

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JAPAN'S EMIGRANTS.

URGED TO STAY AND DIE
ABROAD.

Japanese emigrants leaving for Brazil are earnestly advised by a section of the Japanese Press to adopt their new land, to stay and die there and to turn their undivided efforts to becoming loyal Brazilians, and thus strengthen the bonds of friendship binding the two nations so far separated by the waters of the Pacific.

The Tokyo Yoru, one of the papers expressing such an idea, says in part—

Japanese in Brazil to-day number 50,000, an insignificant number compared to the number of Italians, Germans, Spaniards and Russians.

But, as Brazilian conditions become better known, the number undertaking to go from Kobe alone figures at 2,000 per ship, while 30,000 are being held back because of the curtailed subsidy. Should the Government policy be a little more energetic, the number of emigrants to Brazil would increase by leaps and bounds, because Japan is suffering from a surplus of population as well as from economic difficulties and social unrest.

Europe has almost reached its climax. The successor to its western civilisation is the United States, but her civilisation is also nearing its climax. It is probable that towards the close of the present century, or the beginning of the next, a new form of civilisation will arise, with Brazil as its centre. The potential power of that nation is great, and it may be said then without conceit, that immigrants from Japan will participate in the creative efforts of Brazilians for a Brazilian civilisation.

"The future is full of bright hope. We venture to advise our emigrant to discard the idea of being day labourers, to adopt that country, to bury their bones there eternally and thus render what aid they can to Brazil and to their friends settled there."—United Press.

the city, it was with such quiet that few even knew he had arrived. Once in the big jamen of General Bei Bao-san there was a relaxation order given out and business was resumed. Perhaps we had better say that permission was given for a resumption of business, for few availed themselves of the opportunity. If a little precaution was good, more was better.

A Strange Mistake.

By one of those strange mistakes that are for ever occurring in China, the missionary friends of General Bei Bao-san were notified that Sun would receive callers between four and six on Monday afternoon, and we were each sent a special badge with our names and numbers, carefully inscribed. We went in a steady rain but had no mistake for there was no evidence at all of any preparations for a general gathering. There was no hurry or bustle, no huge assemblage of solemn-gowned gentry or smart-clad officers. We held a hasty confab, and decided to see it through and in answer to a police but evidently puzzled questioner as to what we wanted or whom we desired to see we replied bravely "The Marshal!"

We were led back through Bei's private quarters to a beautifully decorated room, when without ceremony, and so simply dressed as to deceive us, the Marshal himself stepped out to greet us. He was unattended except for the old colonel who ushered us in. One of our number had sent a few hours earlier to the Marshal eight loaves of home-baked bread and as the latter's eye surveyed our cards his face lit up as he recognised Mr. Vinson's card. "Ah! The bread you sent!" and smilingly seated us.

We were impressed by the Marshal's composure and ease of manner. He was apparently caught unawares, probably called from an important meeting of his subordinates but he showed neither irritation nor discomfort. He was eager to acquire bits of local knowledge especially of a topographical nature and was deeply interested in the great problem every one in Haichow has to face—that of getting a supply of sweet water for drinking purposes. After an unhurried chat we excused ourselves. The only remark he made of any consequence was the present impossibility of securing funds for the completion of the great harbour project.—"N.C. Daily News"

AT THE QUEEN'S.

"HOW BAXTER BUTTED
IN."

Matt Moore and Dorothy Devore are a well-matched pair in their own particular line of light comedy and they are eminently suited to their respective parts in "How Baxter Butted In," which will hold the screen at the Queen's Theatre from to-day till Saturday.

Wagner Bros. have produced in this a comedy drama that tenses the imagination, tickles the risibilities, until the picture ends. The rush of the story is fascinating in the extreme and one leaves the theatre, says a reviewer, with pleasant memories of a sweet love tale, some new comic situations and a greater appreciation of Dorothy Devore and Matt Moore, who have surpassed themselves in this new classic of the screen.

The photoplay is set rather novelly in the "want ad" department of a cosmopolitan daily and concerns itself with Henry Baxter and Beulah Dyer, two unimportant members of the office. Matt Moore, in the role of Henry, is too bashful to talk too diffident to express his personality; too impressed by his own inferiority to do anything but be an "also-ran." He is in love with Beulah, played by Dorothy Devore, and performs all kinds of heroic deeds—but only in his day-dreams—until a moment arrives when his true self comes to the surface.

Both Dorothy Devore and Matt Moore are irresistibly funny in their droll seriousness, and every time that Matt Moore becomes a bit upset or confused laughter ensues. Ward Crane, Wilfred Lucas and Adda Gleason do some splendid work in their different parts, while the two children, Virginia Marshall and Turner Savage, are infinitely appealing.

William Beaudine comes in for a good measure of praise for the fine way he has directed this picture.

FOUR MEN IN A BOAT.

RESCUED IN CHANNEL WHILE
TRYING TO REACH FRANCE.

Four miners who were picked up from a dinghy in the Channel by a passing steamer were sentenced at Lydd Police Court to a month's imprisonment each for stealing the boat.

They were Francis Brooker, William Colling, John Webster, and William Bateman. Brooker said they took the boat and tried to reach France, where they hoped to get work in the Lens pits.

The chairman told them they should be thankful they were not at the bottom of the sea.

It is reported that a mandate will shortly be issued appointing Admiral Y. C. Liu, who is nephew to Marshal Wu Pei-fu, as Mayor of Peking.

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The Secret of Their Weakness. What Pallid, Nervous Women Should Do To Get Strong.

Many women, mothers who have the care of children, girls at school or business who feel worn-out every night after the day's routine, and even so-called women who have an endless round of duties and little time for rest and relaxation, find that their colour fades, their nerves become easily irritable, and they seem going into a decline that is very difficult to arrest and correct. The doctors may call this nervous debility or neurasthenia, or may describe it as an anæmic condition, but the symptoms are very much the same in the majority of cases.

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DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS.**AT THE STAR.**

"LADY OF THE NIGHT"
TO-DAY.

Opening to-day at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, is "Lady of the Night." It is a Metro-Goldwyn production based on a story by Adelf Rogers St. John. It was directed by Monta Bell, who gave great promise by his work in screening "Broadway After Dark" and "The Snob," and it features Norma Shearer.

From the spectator's point of view, the work of Miss Shearer is the most outstanding, and she certainly has abundant opportunities here as she appears in two widely different roles, as two girls in love with the same man—one a girl of the upper classes, and the other a girl of the underworld, the daughter of a criminal. And she certainly makes good. In one she appears in the kind of roles with which her admirers are familiar. In the other, one of exaggerated makeup, she reveals exceptional ability as a character actress. She strikingly brings out the contrast between those two characters, never once by movement or mannerism giving the impression that the two characters are played by the same person. The makes of both characters real human beings.

There is nothing risqué about the story. It is devoid of delicate situations, and it is at all times interesting and entertaining.

Other performers who make a good showing are G. K. Arthur as the Bowery brawler and Malcolm McGregor.

BACK TO THE CELLS.

ESCAPED CONVICT CAUGHT
AFTER 8 MONTHS' FREEDOM.

After being hunted for eight months, Sydney Marks, who escaped from Pentonville Prison last October while serving a sentence of twelve months for assault, was recaptured in Stoney Lane, Houndsditch, last month, after a thrilling struggle.

Marks was arrested as the result of a street fight, in which three men were concerned. A constable went to restore order and recognised Marks, who was at once taken into custody, but before he could be removed to the police-station the help of three other constables was necessary.

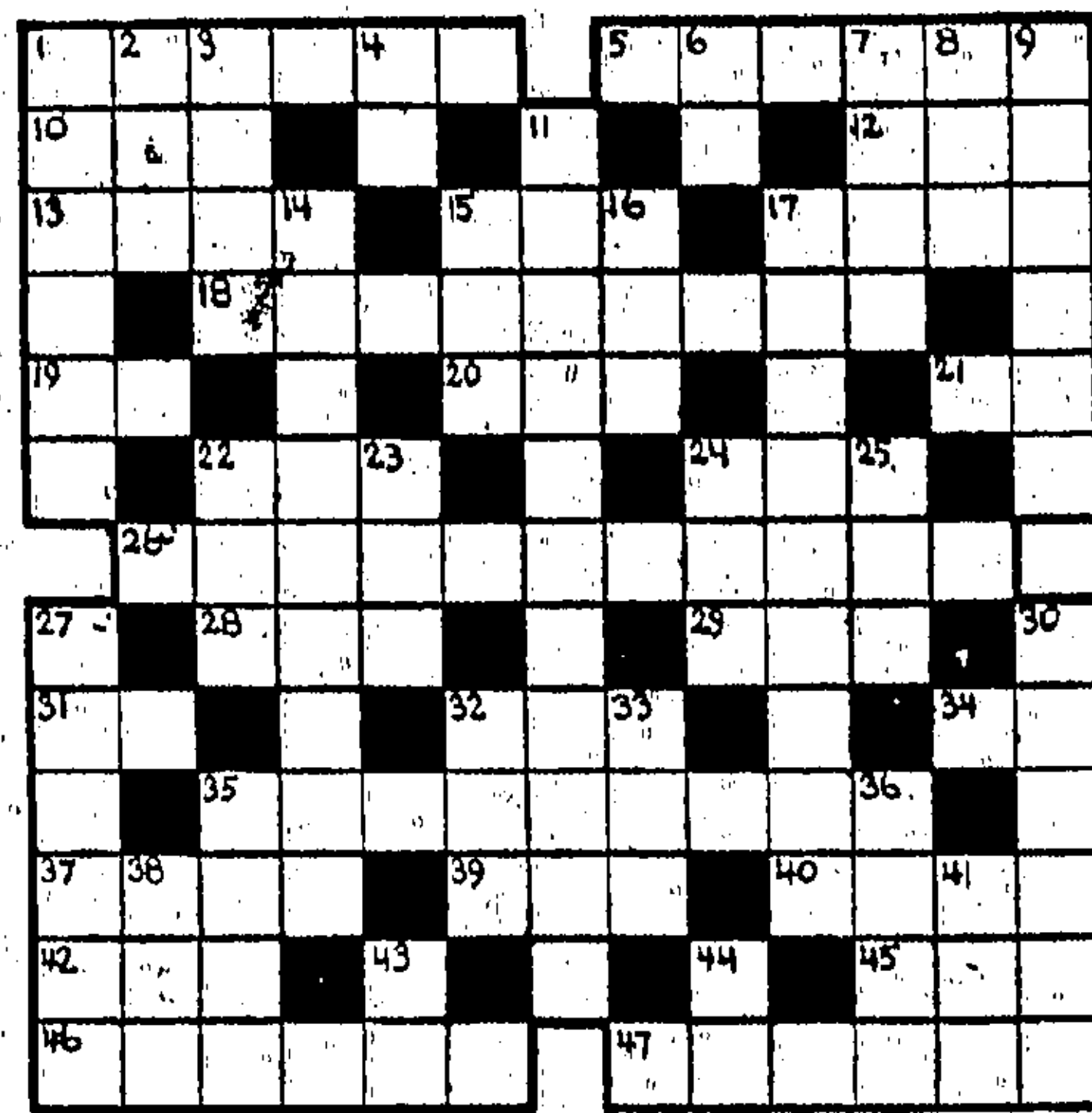
Marks escaped from Pentonville with other prisoner, named Arthur Bacon, after picking a hole in the wall of the cells with a pair of scissors which had been smuggled into the prison. Bacon was recaptured at Nottingham after he had been at liberty for about eight weeks.

Marks is now back in Pentonville.

Peking, July 10.—Chang Hsueh-liang, son of Marshal Chang Tso-lin, returned to Peking Thursday night and is quartered at the Grand Hotel de Peking. It was reported he would go to the Nankow front last evening for a further inspection of the forces there.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1—Sheriff's writ | 34—Domestic animal | 8—Also |
| 5—A single act of respiration | 35—Gave up hope | 9—Soremer |
| 10—Unlucky | 37—Burn partially | 11—Specified |
| 12—Murmur | 39—And so forth (abbr.) | 14—Skilled worker |
| 13—Type of rubber | 40—Story | 15—Date |
| 16—Net | 42—Relation | 16—Winged mammal |
| 17—A black bird | 45—Tear | 17—Wind instrument |
| 18—Easily provoked | 46—Pointed weapon (pl.) | 22—Negative advice |
| 19—Negative | 47—Brass musical instrument | 24—Dined |
| 20—Bears | | 25—A weight |
| 21—You and I | | 27—Pile up |
| 22—Noise | | 30—Other than |
| 24—Skill | | 32—Imitate |
| 26—Regeneration | | 33—Neuralgia |
| 28—One clever at repartee | | 35—Native of Denmark |
| 29—Age | | 36—To mend |
| 31—Preposition | | 38—Part of the body |
| 32—Insect | | 41—A falsehood |
| | | 43—Conjunction |
| | | 44—Thus |

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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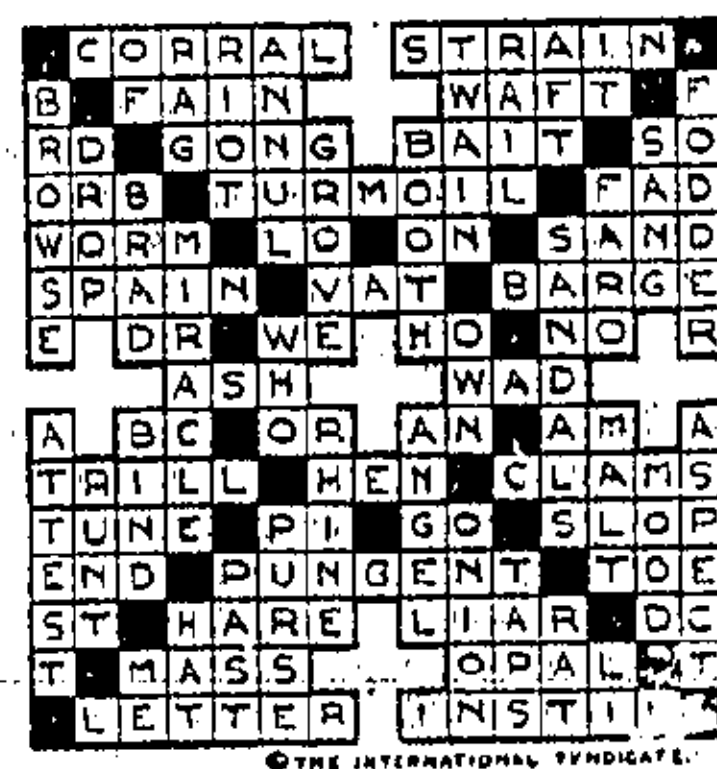
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SEATTLE MARU Sails and Port Said Sunday, 25th July.

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TAKADA	6,349	27th Aug.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
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TILAWA	10,006	21st Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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TANDA	6,300	3rd Aug.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,144	6th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TAKADA	6,349	6th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
SANTHA	7,754	15th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MALWA	10,941	19th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TILAWA	10,006	20th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TALAMBA	8,048	3rd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KASHGAR	9,005	3rd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	7th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MOREA	10,918	10th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHYBER	9,114	1st Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	5th Oct.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MANITUA	10,902	10th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KARMALA	9,128	20th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DEVANHA	9,156	30th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TANDA	6,300	2nd Nov.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MACEDONIA	11,089	13th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	8,007	27th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	7th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MALWA	10,941	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KALYAN	9,144	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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RUMOURS FROM
"RUSSIA."STORIES OF PEASANT RE-
BELLION AND MUTILIOUS
TROOPS.

Censorship of news in Soviet

Russia is so strict that it is al-

ways extremely difficult to know

what exactly is going on in that

country. Two of our own corres-

pondents (says the "N. C. Daily

News") in Harbin tell of rumours

of riots and uprisings in Russia

of a serious character, and as

there is rarely smoke without a

fire of some sort, we publish both

accounts below. The first, dated

July 1, states:—

For some weeks Harbin has

been deluged with rumours of

"important events" having taken

place in Russia. One of the local

Russian papers talks of a myster-

ious telegram sent by the

Soviet Central Executive Com-

mittee to the provinces and

federations, informing them that

in case of one rebellion or an-

other they find themselves cut off

from the centre, the regional

Soviets are to take full control in

their districts in accordance with

the Soviet Constitution, as ap-

plicable to the state of martial

law. The "Rusky Slovo" prints

a report from Moscow that

peasant uprisings have taken

place in the Governments of

Kharkoff, Poltava and Dnieper

owing to extra grain taxes. The

peasants are reported to have

ousted the Soviets in many places

and appointed their own com-

mittee and guards. They appear

to have had considerable military

success, whilst the Government

has difficulty with its troops, who

are loth to fight the peasants.

The second, dated two days

later, says:—

Rumours, always a conspic-

uous product of Harbin, are in

circulation to the effect that a

strong controversy is going on in

Moscow over the Soviet attitude

towards China and that the Soviet

Government is in a tottering state.

Another sensational report now

in circulation is that a telegram

has been received locally in Soviet

circles from Moscow to the effect

that in case of the various com-

munist centres being cut off

from Moscow through suspension

of communication systems, they

the communist centres, are to

conduct their affairs according to

the rules and regulations of the

Soviet government. "This," said

a prominent "White" to your cor-

respondent, in great glee, "shows

that they are having the deuce of

a time."

Paris, July 13.—A mob of 1,500

communists met General Primo de

Rivera when he arrived from

Madrid to-day and jeered him as

he walked from the railway coach

to an automobile outside the station.

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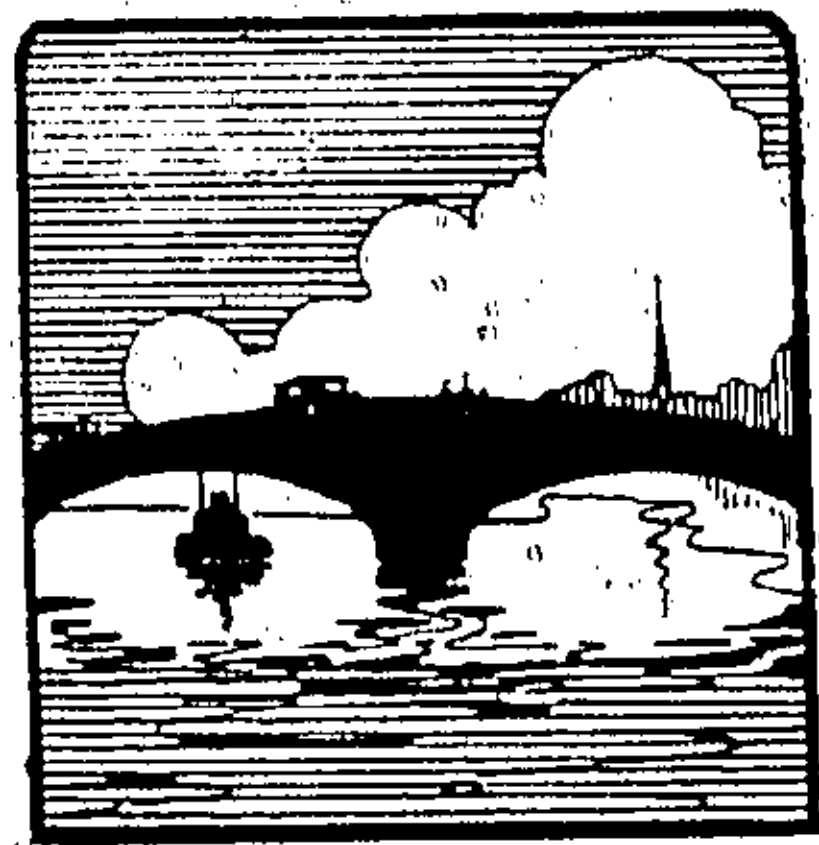
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BIRTH.

BROWN.—On July 16, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brown, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

CONCEICAO-ICK.—On June 16, 1926, at Batavia, Java, Valeriano Conceicao to Angela Ick of Hamburg, Germany.

DEATHS.

BELL.—On July 15, at Shanghai, Peter Bell, chief engineer, China Navigation Co., aged 47 years.

OZORIO-XAVIER.—On July 15, at Shanghai, Archibald Ozorio-Xavier, aged 85 years.

Hongkong, Thursday, July 22, 1926.

UP AGAINST IT!

France is up against it more than ever. She has been. Her effort to save the franc has failed. Another Premier has fallen, but will M. Poincaré, if he succeeds in forming a Cabinet, be able to do any better than M. Herriot or M. Briand? Will his Finance Minister be greater than de Monzie, Peret, Painlevé, Clementel, or Caillaux?

In spite of the serious nature of the crisis the public of Paris bowed M. Herriot and cheered the news of his downfall. Salvation or no salvation of the franc, he was simply not wanted by the populace, even the Socialists withholding support that might have aided over the crisis. Meanwhile France is getting plenty of sympathy as every one in financial sloughs does—but there it rests.

Long-range advice, censure, and sympathy are poured out from all sections of America, inspired especially by the part which the American debt plays in the French financial tangle. "Cut down your army, dig down in your pocket, and pull in your belt," fairly sums up the predominant advice. The Chicago "Tribune," a leading exponent of this idea, objects that in France:

"No sentiment has as yet made itself felt in favour of facing the issue squarely, coming out in the open with all the red ink entries in the ledger, and setting about in a truly business-like fashion to dig down, pay up, and get a fresh start. That, we are bold enough

to believe, would be the way of doing things in this country where, it is charged, the adding machine is made an idol of worship."

While its Government contemplates such desperate remedies as putting the country on short bread rations and cutting down on imports, adds the "Tribune," "France is maintaining two large armies in the field, one in Morocco, the other in Syria." The Pittsburgh "Sun" believes that "continuing and drastic reduction in the army would save millions for France," and that, "with the Riffian war ended with peace with Germany assured, the Government ought no longer to hesitate."

"Instead of guiding," complains the "Detroit Free Press," "the Ministers have been casting about frantically for stop gaps."

According to the Wall Street Journal it is "hopeless to expect complete stabilisation unless France takes the one, all-important step of revaluing the franc. This has been too painful for the Frenchman to contemplate, but it is something bankers have regarded for the past two years as inevitable. No stabilisation loan would be big enough unless the cancer that is eating into the vitals of French credit is removed—that is, lack of confidence on the part of the French investor himself and the consequent flight of the franc. Along with an actually balancing budget, stabilisation loans and credits, France should, therefore, revalue the franc at about the present level, say six to one, and the Bank of France be required to pay out gold on that basis. With France on a gold basis what would be the result? The billions of French capital that have been quietly sweeping out of France would then return, contributing the greatest stabilising influence the franc has received since the war. The bank credits may then be truly untouched and instead of losing gold it would not be surprising to see gold actually flowing into France. This happened to Germany after the mark was revalued.

It is easy of course for outsiders—even those who pose as financial experts—to advise. The salvation of the franc and the stabilisation of the finances lie in the hands of France herself, and she must be permitted to work out her own salvation.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A DENIAL.

Sir,—With reference to the report of the assault case at the Happy Valley appearing in your issue of yesterday's date, I beg you to be good enough to notify the public that the Hajee Mahomed Ismail mentioned therein does not refer to, nor is he related to, the undersigned.

Yours, etc.,
Hajee Mahomed Hajee Esmail.
Hongkong, July 22.

General Min Chi-chun, one of the Kuominchun commanders, has just arrived in Shanghai from Hankow where he has been laying the Kuominchun's peace terms before Marshal Wu Pei-fu. Needless to say, these were refused.

CAFE INCIDENT.

MANAGER ACCOUNTS FOR HIS CONDITION.

TEMPORARILY INSANE.

Further light was thrown at the Central Magistracy yesterday in regard to the dispute between Mr. L. G. Taylor and Mr. J. L. Durand, manager and director respectively of the Cafe Parisien in Pedder Building, on July 14, the French national day.

Both were charged with disorderly conduct, while Mr. and Mrs. Taylor brought other charges against Mr. Durand for assault and using abusive language. Mr. Durand was defended by Mr. Hugh Jones and Mr. Taylor conducted his own case.

Sergeant Haywood gave evidence of being present near the Cafe shortly after midnight when he had to speak to a number of Europeans who were making a noise as they were leaving the Cafe. Inside the Cafe, witness said, he saw Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Durand arguing with each other and there appeared to be some pushing between them. Mr. Durand then went upstairs accompanied by another lady.

After he had left, Taylor appeared from the corner of Pedder Street. He approached the witness and spoke to him about two sailors. He was not excited nor intoxicated, but his breath smelt strongly of alcohol. His wife then appeared on the Cafe steps and shouted to him.

Witness asked permission to refer to his note book, where he had written down Mrs. Taylor's exact words. Reading from his book witness said that the words used by Mrs. Taylor to her husband were, "Call yourself a man, to let him call your wife a fool."

Some five or ten minutes later, Durand emerged from the side of the cafe, presumably having come down the stairs. His hand was streaming with blood, and he was closely followed by Taylor. When they got into Pedder Street they started to fight, but witness, who was about 15 yards away, intervened and separated the two men, seizing Durand and pulling him away.

Mrs. Taylor appeared to be pulling her husband away. Witness was leading Durand towards the cafe when he was struck in the stomach. They were both using abusive language, Taylor accusing Durand of having assaulted his wife and Durand accusing Taylor of assaulting him.

Witness blew his whistle, and an Indian sergeant arrived on the scene. With his assistance Durand was put into a chair, and taken to the Central Police Station. Witness then returned for Taylor, who was lying on the road outside the cafe.

He was being held by some people and appeared as if insane. With the assistance of Mr. C. D. Robertson, witness lifted Taylor and took him to Wyndham Street, where he was also put into a chair and taken to the Police Station.

Replying to a question by Mr. Hugh Jones, witness said that all the parties were excited and appeared to smell strongly of liquor.

Mr. C. D. Robertson gave evidence of being attracted to the scene by hearing police whistles blown. Witness saw Sergeant Haywood struggling with Taylor and he assisted to put Taylor into a chair.

The police produced a medical certificate showing that when Taylor was examined at 2 a.m. on July 15, his condition "was normal." Mr. Taylor had then explained that he had lost his reason, and on the advice of Capt. Bloxham he went to the prison hospital and was examined. By that time he had fully regained his senses and was described as being normal.

Excitable People.

Giving evidence from the witness box, Mr. Taylor said that from the commencement he had two very excitable people to deal with (Mr. Durand and Madame Flint). The first night was a very big one for the staff and after everyone had gone witness, his wife, and Durand had supper together. The latter got very excited because witness had allowed some of the customers to sign chits.

Witness said that he worked continually for 16 hours a day and sometimes for 20 hours, and on the 14th he had nothing to eat until 3.30 in the afternoon. On that day he had altogether six drinks.

Witness then referred to a visit by two sailors who went away quietly when they were told that they could not come in. Later, after the national anthems had been played and everything was over, witness saw the sailors in the lobby and he showed them out. It was then that Mrs. Taylor rushed up to witness and

RELEASED.

POLICE OFFICERS' CAPTURE SEQUEL.

TROOPS WITHDRAWN.

The European officers and crew of the Police motor boat which was taken by pickets and the personnel into their custody were released yesterday evening.

Mr. W. G. Gerrard, Assistant Superintendent of Police, accompanied by Mr. A. E. Wood, Mr. E. H. Williams and Sub-Inspector Hoare of Sheung Shui, went over the border yesterday afternoon and conferred with picket leaders. The conference lasted three hours and at the end of it an announcement was made that the officers and crew of the launch would be released and that no hindrance would be put in the way of the removal of the grounded boat. The captured men accompanied the members of the delegation back to the border.

A party of 100 men of the East Surrey Regiment despatched to the scene were then withdrawn.

The captured men suffered no discomfort except that they slept on a concrete floor in wet clothes. They were given to understand that plans had been made for their removal to Canton.

WEDDING.

STANESBY—MASSEY.

The wedding was celebrated at St. Joseph's Church yesterday of Miss Frances Massey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Massey, and Mr. Sydney John Cleave Stanesby, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Stanesby.

The bride was dressed in shell-pink marocain and georgette, with lace and georgette hat to match, and carried a bouquet of roses. She was given away by her father, Mrs. Massey was attired in a dress of navy-blue printed georgette. Mr. H. J. Talbot was "best man." The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Fr. Augustine.

The couple later left for Repulse Bay for their honeymoon, the bride's going away dress being of flowered georgette.

complained about being insulted by Mr. Durand.

Temporarily Insane.

Witness said that he immediately ran upstairs in search of Mr. Durand and struck him with a chair. He remembered Durand falling through a glass show case. Witness said that from this time he had a poor recollection of what happened. Durand rushed out, and witness followed him. After Durand turned down the stairs witness did not see him again. He could not say what occurred in the street.

The following day he recollected imploring the police to arrest him outside the cafe, and also imploring Capt. Bloxham to put him in jail, but why he did not know.

His Worship: "How do you account for your condition?—I was overworked, overstrained, subjected to intense worry and constant bickering of Madame Flint and Mr. Durand, and the fact that he swore at my wife and kicked her. Through all these things I was temporarily insane."

Witness was questioned by Mr. Hugh Jones at considerable length regarding the ordering of the band and in particular as to the number of drinks he had taken. Witness admitted that he had a bottle of gin, a bottle of vermouth and a bottle of whisky set aside for his own use. These he said were about half consumed during the five days he was there. Witness denied that he was drunk at any time.

Referring to the collections for the 14th, witness said that he took the money, \$186.88, and sent a receipt by registered post to Mr. Durand. He kept the money against July wages for himself and his wife. To another question witness said he had a perfect right to take the money. Mr. Hugh Jones thought that was a matter for the Summary Court, as an action was pending.

Further questions being put regarding the amount of drinks witness took while he was in the Cafe, Mr. Taylor asked for the production of the chits which would show how many drinks Mr. Durand took during that time.

Mr. Hugh Jones pointed out that Mr. Durand as host would have signed for 400 worth of liquor and never taken a glass himself. His Worship then asked Sergeant Haywood if Durand was drunk on the night of his arrest and was told that all the persons concerned in the case were drunk.

His Worship considered that the chits for that day should be produced and adjourned the case for this afternoon.

FUNERALS.

MRS. J. FRASER LAID TO REST.

NURSES' TRIBUTE.

The funeral service at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon of Mrs. J. Fraser was attended by many friends including a number of Chinese nurses from the Nethersole Hospital, the London Missionary Institution with which she was connected before her marriage. Capt. Steel, A.D.C., represented His Excellency the Governor.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald and the Rev. H. A. Wells of the L.M.S. also addressed a few words to those present in Chinese. The casket containing the ashes of deceased were contained in a plain baken casket which was lowered into the grave by the husband assisted by three near friends of the deceased.

Amongst those present in addition to those already mentioned were: Mr. Justice Wood, Messrs. S. B. B. McDermott, N. L. Smith, J. H. B. Nichol, E. W. Hamilton, R. E. Lindsell, N. L. McPherson, A. S. D. Cousland, R. A. D. Forrest, Dr. R. M. Gibson, C. G. Perdue, H. R. Phelps, P. Jacks, Dr. and Mrs. Hickling, E. R. Dwyer, Dr. Pope, Messrs. W. Schofield, H. Green, A. T. Hamilton, de Martin, Mrs. Hughes, Dr. C. S. Wan, Pang Lok-sam, Mrs. Ruttonjee, Dr. George Thomas, past and present nurses of the Nethersole Hospital, and several others, including a number of ladies.

Among the wreaths were tributes from the husband (which were buried with the remains), the Governor and Lady Clementi, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Southern, Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, The Alice Memorial and Allied Hospitals, the Nurses of the Alice Memorial and Allied Hospitals, European Revenue Officers, Police Officers and Wives, New Territory, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. F. James, Messrs. B. H. Collis Halliwell, E. B. Reed, Kerr, A. G. Grantham, Hynes, H. R. Butters, S. B. B. McDermott, G. J. Chambers, L. B. Warren, J. H. Barclay Nichol, W. Schofield, W. Shannon, A. T. Hamilton, A. G. McCall, S. Nelson, W. G. Gerrard, E. Aggrass, B. C. Randall, C. K. Wilson, H. E. Lindsell, A. S. D. Cousland, Robson, F. Moore, Ghilote, M. Forrest, Severn, Goggin, Mrs. Arnold Hughes, Mrs. and Miss Early, Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Bray and E. A. Rustin, the Revs. G. T. Waldegrave, and H. R. Wells, Drs. R. McLean Gibson, C. H. Luk, S. W. Phoon, P. V. Early.

Messrs. P. Douglas Wilson, Chottle, H. R. Phelps, T. Dallin, A. H. Crook, G. B. Twemlow, Y. P. Law, H. G. Brayfield, G. O'Connor, E. R. Dovey, G. G. Wood, Lo Mun, Wong Chi Nam, Ma Yui Ting and family and Tung Wai Tong. The Misses A. Sydenham, D. Hutchinson, H. Davies, O. Russell, Crawford G. M. Hinton, Wong Pun Tun, Kong Ching Po, Sham Gan Lui, Wong Way Mau, Lau Ein Oi, Cheung See Son, Cheung Wai Wan, Mok Sam Tse and Wang San Tsan, W. K. Man, Lee C. Chong, C. W. Wan, P. L. Fan, T. F. Fan, T. P. Kan, S. T. School, Taipo, and Messrs. H. Ruttonjee and Sons.

MR. W. BLAKEY.

Owing to the non-arrival of the hearse and to the friends who eventually carried the body on a hand-bier taking the Stubbs Road route and finding access by the upper level impossible, the funeral of Mr. W. Blakey, which was timed to take place at 5 p.m., did not commence until darkness was falling.

The coffin was borne to the graveside by officers of the Naval Dockyard and was covered with the Union Jack. All departments were represented and sent wreaths, including one from the Naval Yard Police.

PROPERTY SALES.

TWO LOTS SOLD, AND ONE WITHDRAWN.

Two lots of property were sold in local auction rooms yesterday, as follows:—
No. 80, Queen's Road Central: Upset price \$20,000, sold for \$55,200 to Mr. Ng Kai-sheung of Macao. (1,202 sq. ft., Crown Rent \$21.10). Biggest bid was from \$20,800 to \$30,000.

Pagoda Bungalow: at Kowloon, 49,698 sq. ft., Crown rent \$228—withdrawn.

No. 16, Hill Road: Upset price \$7,000, sold to Mr. Sum Hip-tong (manager, Hip Cheung Furniture shop, No. 55, Queen's Road) for \$8,500 (865 sq. ft., Crown rent \$5.43).

WUCHOW INCIDENT.

BRITISH NAVY EVER
READY.
STATEMENT CHEERED.

London, July 21.
In the House of Commons, replying to the Rt. Hon. C. P. Trevelyan (Labour, Newcastle-on-Tyne) in regard to the British Senior Naval Officer at Wuchow closing the port to Chinese shipping on June 24, the Rt. Hon. Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, after reciting the facts of the case, said that His Majesty's Government still awaited detailed information, but in view of the instructions issued by the Canton Government that facilities should be provided, it was inclined to consider that the responsibility for the incident lay with the local Chinese authorities.

Mr. Trevelyan asked if there was any precedent for Naval Officers using their discretion in relations with foreign Powers without reference to the Home Government?
Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that there was plenty of precedent. Happily for the British Empire and the peace of the world our Naval Officers had shown themselves most capable of using their discretion. (Ministerial cheers.)

Facts Outlined.
Rugby, July 21.
In the House of Commons the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs was asked whether he was aware that the British Senior Naval Officer at Wuchow had closed that port to Chinese shipping for ten hours on June 24?
Sir Austen Chamberlain said that after the murder of a British subject (Mr. Phillips of the A.P.C.) three of the British ships were proceeding at the request of the British Acting Consul-General to the neighbourhood to investigate the circumstances of the crime. The Canton Government said that it had ordered the local authorities to afford them all facilities at Wuchow. However, an anti-foreign organisation, which the local authorities appeared at first to have been unwilling or unable to control, caused an obstruction regarding the engagement of pilots. After several days fruitless negotiations the Senior Naval Officer was obliged to resort to other measures, and took steps to close the port. It proved unnecessary, however, to stop any shipping as pilots were furnished and His Majesty's ships proceeded.—British Wireless Service.

SALT REVENUE.

AGREEMENT WITH CHIHLI
TUPAN.

Peking, July 21.
The Finance Ministry and the Chihli Tupan have now formally concluded the salt agreement, providing the Chihli authorities do not interfere with the salt revenue but render assistance to the salt administration in carrying out its orders.
The Chihli authorities undertake to abolish and not to introduce in any form illegal taxation, and to assist the transportation of salt.
The Salt Administration undertakes to pay the Chihli Tupan \$150,000 in the middle and end of each month, provided the administration first make provision for all loan payments, for which it is responsible under the Reorganisation Loan Agreement, and provided these sums are available for collections in the Changtu district.
The administration also agrees to pay certain outstanding subsidies, amounting to \$450,000.—Reuter.

RACIAL CLASH.

SITUATION SERIOUS IN
CALCUTTA.

Calcutta, July 20.
Hindus and Mohammedans have started guffilla warfare. There have been many stabbings and assaults.
Five have been killed and 17 seriously hurt.
This morning shops were closed, and the situation is extremely serious.—Reuter.

Police Fire on Mob.
Calcutta, July 21.
The disorders this morning spread and rioting broke out. The Police were obliged to fire at a number of places and eventually controlled the situation.
So far six persons have been killed and 33 seriously injured.—Reuter.

DATE FIXED.

GENERAL ELECTION IN
CANADA.

Ottawa, July 21.
A general election will take place on September 14.—Reuter.

PLAIN TALK.

DISARMAMENT IN
GERMANY.

CONDITIONS NOT GOOD.

Rugby, July 21.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Rennie Smith, Labourite, asked what was the nature of the Note which had been recently addressed by General Walsh, head of the Inter-Allied Military Control Commission, to Germany on the subject of German armament?
Sir Austen Chamberlain said that in view of the recent reports which had appeared in the Press on this subject he had taken the opportunity of making enquiries as to the facts of the case. The result had been what he had anticipated—that no Note of a special character had been sent by the Military Control Commission.

Mr. Rennie Smith: "May we take it that the conditions of disarmament in Germany are satisfactory?"
Sir Austen Chamberlain: "I am sorry to say no."—British Wireless Service.

MIXED COURT.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR
RENDITION.

Shanghai, July 21.
Mr. V. K. Ting, interviewed by the "Sun Pao" confirmed the reports recently published that the negotiations regarding the rendition of the Mixed Court had considerably progressed.
He declared, generally speaking, that the terms of the proposed agreement were the same as published in the Press, though, after consultation, the Consular Body had some alterations made.
Mr. Ting stated that the draft of the agreement had been duly approved by Marshal Sun Chuan-fang and other provincial authorities, but at least a week must elapse before it can be signed.
It will be signed in the name of the Provincial Government, though Sun Chuan-fang has reported the matter to the Waichiaoou and has asked its consent.
"We decided to sign whether consent was obtained or not."
After signing the provincial agreement, the particulars will be worked out, the most important of which are the questions in which criminal cases affect the peace and order of the Settlement, and what departments of the Court shall remain, and which shall be abolished.

These and other questions will be taken up by the Committee of Legal Experts comprising three Chinese and three foreigners.
At present the agreement may be cancelled at any time, if the Central Government can make definite plans for the complete rendition.
The enforceable period for a provisional agreement will be three years. Mr. Ting declared that the foreign lawyers' agitation against the Settlement was merely the result of a quicker and easier Settlement problem.
The foreign lawyers' delegation is going to Peking this morning to interview the Diplomatic Corps.
The five lawyers in the delegation are Messrs. Otto Fischer, B. D. Rodger, A. M. Preston, Du Pac Du Marsoulles and Marakani.—Reuter.

FINANCE BILL.

COMMONS PASS THIRD
READING.

London, July 21.
The House of Commons has passed the third reading of the Finance Bill.
A Labourite motion for its rejection was defeated, the division resulting:—
Against 324
For 117
Majority 207
—Reuter.

SAFE AT SIANFU.

MISSIONARIES AND
GOVERNOR.

Hankow, July 21.
According to a message from Honan, the Governor and all the missionaries at Sianfu are safe.—Reuter.

FOR AUSTRALIA.

COBHAM ARRIVES AT
DELHI.

Delhi, July 21.
Cobham has arrived here.—Reuter.

TWO SHIPS ASHORE.

(Continued from page 1.)

Business Offices Closed.

Business was practically stagnant in the City this morning. Numbers had been prevented from getting to office by the cessation of all harbour traffic and few Peak residents faced the walk down with the high wind and possibility of the typhoon striking. Peak residents who braved the journey had to surmount fallen branches of trees and other debris brought down by the gale. A visit paid to the P.W.D. and Supreme Court this morning found the former practically deserted and the latter completely so. The same applied to nearly all offices.

A danger with which pedestrians were faced was that of possible falls from roofs and of sign boards. Several of these latter were noticed with broken supports and constituting a grave danger to passers by.

In Chinatown.
Water-gates were up in all parts of Chinatown, to prevent another wash-out. The big department stores were closed and the Sun Co. had their shutters nailed down.

Spectators were on the waterfront. Motor vehicles found no great difficulty in proceeding and there were no serious accidents.

Peak Tram Prospects.

Enquiries made by the "China Mail" this morning elicited the information that it was not thought that the present unfavourable weather conditions would prevent a temporary Peak tram service from being brought into operation on Saturday. The service would be between Kennedy Road and Plantation Road with the stations there as termini. It would perhaps be three weeks before it would be possible to resume the full service, the "China Mail" representative was informed.

Lower Tramway Service.

Tramways commenced to run as usual in the morning but it was impossible to continue the service at about 8 o'clock owing to the strong wind and rain.

The sea at this time was a seething cauldron from Arsenal Street to the new reclamation and big waves were breaking over the harbour wall opposite the Seamen's Institute.

Later in the morning, about 10 o'clock, the service was resumed with cars running from Causeway Bay to Whitty Street. The Happy Valley service was also maintained. Cars on this route run a little beyond Broadwood Road and turn back owing to the remainder of the track being still not cleared of several feet of mud and sand brought by the flood.

Weather Report.

The following weather report was communicated to the "China Mail" per telephone owing to the interruption of other communication across the harbour:—

11.30 a.m.—Pressure has increased moderately over Formosa and Pratas. It has decreased very considerably at Gap Rock. Over Japan, the Philippines and East China it is nearly stationary.

The typhoon passed a few miles south of Gap Rock at 10 a.m. this morning on a westerly course.
Forecast:—Cyclonic gales moderating later; overcast rain.

BRITISH CLAIMS.

LODGED AGAINST SOVIET
GOVERNMENT.

UNWARRANTED ARRESTS.

Rugby, July 21.

In the House of Commons Sir Austen Chamberlain stated that British subjects had lodged claims for arrest by the Soviet Government subsequent to the landing at Vladivostok, Ormanski, or Archangel of British naval or military forces, and that the British Government was supporting these claims when the settlement of outstanding questions was being negotiated with the Soviet Government.—British Wireless Service.

COAL IMPORTS.

ARRIVALS IN BRITAIN THIS
MONTH.

Rugby, July 21.
Colonel Lane Fox, Secretary for Mines, stated in the House of Commons that 1,345,000 tons of imported coal had arrived at British ports between July 1 and 17.—British Wireless Service.

PROVIDENT CO.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ADJOURNED.

BRIEF PROCEEDINGS.

Brief proceedings to-day marked the annual general meeting of the China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd. at St. George's Building.

Mr. R. G. Shewan presided. Members of the consulting committee present were Messrs.—H. P. White, T. G. Weall, and Lee Hysan. The attendance comprised Messrs.—L. H. King (manager and secretary), Mr. H. C. Macnamagh (solicitor to the company), J. Hennessey Seth, Henry Humphreys, A. La Shields, W. Morley, C. A. da Rosa, N. V. H. Croucher, D. W. Munton, Tse Tsan-tai, F. M. Crawford, J. Coulthart, Victor de Yacodo, Ollerton, Thom, and the Rev. Fr. A. Blotteau and the Rev. Fr. L. Vircondelet (both of the French Mission, representing the Rev. Fr. L. Robert).

After Mr. King had read the convening notice and auditors' report, Mr. Shewan said:—

It is necessary under the ordinance to hold a general meeting not later than 27th instant, so we have called this meeting for to-day and now lay the accounts on the table before you, copies of same having been in your hands for the requisite period.

To meet the wishes of the investigating committee, it is not intended to do more than this to-day, but to defer all other business of the annual meeting until the investigation committee are able to present their report, which we expect to do by September 22, 1926.

In accordance with their request, I beg to propose that this meeting of shareholders stand adjourned until September 22, 1926, at the same hour.

Will some one kindly second that? Mr. C. A. da Rosa seconded. Carried unanimously.

No other business was transacted.

D.T.'S AFTER A FALL.

DOCTOR'S THEORY OF EFFECT
ON MODERATE DRINKERS.

That moderate drinkers sometimes developed delirium tremens after a fall was the theory advanced by a doctor at the inquest at Chichester on William Corser, manager of the Salisbury Hotel, Lewisham.

He died at Chichester Hospital from delirium tremens and cardiac failure, following a fall on a concrete verandah at Bognor, where he was staying the week-end with friends.

He was alleged to be a moderate drinker.

"BALLY ROT."

BRIDE REFUSES TO BE MAR-
RIED AT REGISTER OFFICE.

Because she "didn't" like the witnesses, a bride walked out of the Register Office at Devonport, leaving the bridegroom dumb with amazement.

In conversation afterwards she said, "I didn't know who the witnesses were going to be till I saw them, so I refused to go on and we were married elsewhere."

The Registrar said the girl described the ceremony as "bally rot."



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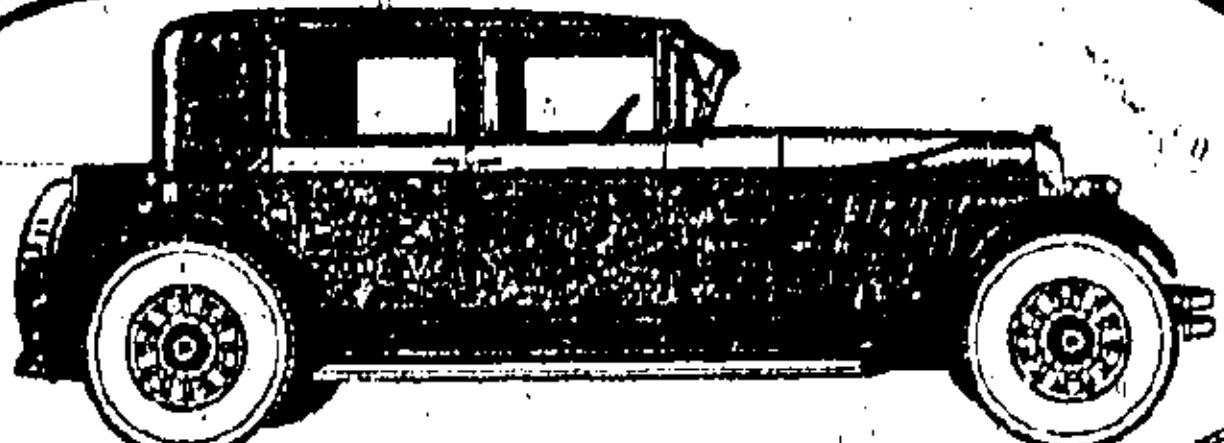
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Marshal Wu Pei-fu appears to be making genuine efforts to prevent his soldiers from interfering with and molesting railway employees. An adjutant in his forces found guilty of assaulting a station-master at a town on the Peking-Hankow line was shot by his orders.

Vancouver, British Columbia. In 1925 the port of Vancouver imported or exported goods to a total value of \$410,427,868, an increase of \$43,000,000 over the volume handled in 1924, according to the annual report of the Board of Harbour Commissioners. This commerce was handled by 19,028 sailings, of which 970 were deep sea vessels. There was an increase of nearly 2,000,000 tons in the shipping in and out of the port last year.

The following delightful announcement has been sent round to various Shanghai ladies by a Chinese tailor, who has begun business: "Dear Madam—We have just ready a great many dresses more than eight hundred pieces. Be hurry and hurry, the time of the morning 10 to 12 p.m. after noon 2 to 5. I think you will get a great happy when you have seen our dresses. Many dresses in French mode and the price very moderate. There is something vaguely reminiscent about our rural poets in that 'be hurry and hurry,' while where is the lady, who could resist the lure of 'getting a great happy' and 'Paris Modes' at the same time?"

The Chinese police in Hong Kong and Nantao have a new job, says the "N. C. Daily News." By the latest order of the Commissioner of Police, Gen. Yen Chun-yang, it is their duty after midnight to chase "info-bed" all coolies who may be found sleeping on the pavements. The order states that the Commissioner is feeling uneasy at the number of coolies in Chinese territory who turn the streets into beds in this hot weather, such a practice, in addition to being against police regulations, being a menace to public health. Most of the beds, it adds, are laid after midnight. Whilst admiring the Commissioner's zeal for public health, we cannot help sympathizing with the unfortunate coolies, for the average coolie quarters in a Chinese city are not the ideal summer resting place.

Koreans of the independence party have formed a secret society called the Three Strokes Association.

All water for drinking, cooking, etc., should be boiled at present, states the P.W.D. in an announcement.

With the object of persuading their countrymen that Chinese goods are best, 100 lecturers are being sent to all parts of the country by the National Association for the Advocacy of the Use of Chinese Native Products. They contend that Chinese-made goods are as good as, if not superior to, foreign goods.

During the past few days, says the "N. C. Daily News," of July 19, fan decorated with cartoon and in caption: advocating the use of Chinese goods. The May 30 incident have been sold by hawkers in Chinese territory. Efforts to extend the sale within the Settlement limits were checked by the police who arrested a number of the hawkers.

Gen. Yen Chun-yang of the Woosung and Shanghai Constabulary, on July 10 conferred with a number of leading local Chinese merchants, with whom he concluded certain arrangements consequent on a decision arrived at by Dr. V. K. Ting and himself to make still greater efforts to prevent industrial strife. The leading merchants, shortly, will be called to another conference at the Lungshai Yuen to discuss the matter of affording better treatment to labourers.

The defence of Kiangsu and Fokien against the proposed extradition from Canton is a subject of considerable importance. Just now, Mr. Chen Tz-yi, a representative of Marshal Wu Pei-fu, has returned to Shanghai from Hangchow where he has been discussing the matter with the Chekiang authorities. In a statement to the local Chinese press he says that the authorities of Kiangsu, Kiangsu and Chekiang have agreed to hold themselves responsible for the defence of all the "Allied" positions. Mr. Chen left Shanghai for Tientsin on July 13 to report his success to Marshal Wu Pei-fu.

Two more cheap rice bureaux have been opened in Shanghai, one at Nantao and the other near the Kuanli Temple at the West Gate. These bureaux have been well patronised by the poor Chinese, and are doing a highly useful work.

With the assistance of the Chapei police, the Shanghai Municipal Police have arrested two men, one of whom is said to have admitted that it was he who, a few days ago, placed a Mills bomb amongst some plums in hawker's basket in an alleyway off Range Road. Further inquiries are being made.

Owing to the prevalence of plague in certain parts of China, all Chinese vessels voyaging to Manila will be detained at a certain island outside the port for a number of days to be examined by the medical authorities. This ruling, apparently, does not apply to the vessels of other nationalities, excepting where specific cases of disease are suspected.

There are still 800 disabled men—nearly an Army battalion—lingering in Liverpool hospitals as the aftermath of the Great War which ended seven and a half years ago. The number of wounded "Tommys" in hospital happily declines steadily each year, but meanwhile they are being well looked after by these societies. Amongst the gifts made to them in Liverpool last year were 627,476 cigarettes, 344lbs. of tobacco, and 1,002 Christmas parcels, as well as 2,000 garments sent to pensioners discharged from hospital.

Disputes between rich and poor and their fares are a common occurrence both in the Settlement and in Chinese territory, and though it often happens that the astute rich coolie makes a good thing out of griffins and tourists, more often than not, especially in Chinese territory, he is victimised by his fares, and unfortunately has no redress. Petitions have now been sent in to Gen. Yen Chun-yang requesting him to affix a scale of fares, times and distances, as is done in Hong Kong, Canton and other cities, to be fixed prominently on all rickshas. Such a suggestion might also be considered by the Settlement police, says the "N. C. Daily News."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The Right Reverend F. R. Graves of St. John's College returned to Shanghai on the President Harrison accompanied by his daughter Miss Lucy Graves. Mrs. Graves who had been seriously ill in the States passed away there not long ago.

Admiral Behnke, the first Commander of the German Fleet following the world war, and who was responsible for the complete reorganisation of the German navy, is at present in Shanghai visiting various districts.

The Pakhoi Leper Fund of the Church Missionary Society was benefited to the amount of £50 by the will of Miss Emily Henrietta Wilson, of Fern Lea, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, who died on April 18, aged 80 years. She left estate of the value of £25,000.

Nome, Alaska, June 17.—Colonel Umberto Nobile, who designed the dirigible Norge and piloted it across the north pole from Europe to Alaska, told the "Associated Press" before leaving here to-day for Seattle that he had been made general of the Italian Air Service, in command of all its operations.

Princess Nagako, consort to the Prince Regent, received in audience at the Akasaka Palace the Italian Ambassador and Countess Giulio della Torre di Lavagna, Miss di Lavagna, the Belgian Ambassador and Mrs. Albert de Bassompierre, the Brazilian Ambassador and Mrs. M. R. de Lima e Silva, Mrs. T. Takagi acted as interpreter. The Princess has only recently been receiving foreign diplomats.

The Chinese Legation at Washington, D. C., recently received a communication from the U. S. Government requesting that a Chinese representative be appointed to attend the Conference to be inaugurated in Washington in October this year for devising means to combat tuberculosis. As it is too late to send a representative from China to attend the Conference, the Ministry of the Interior has decided to appoint Mr. Wu Hsueh-lin, the nominee of the Chinese Minister at Washington, to represent China in the Conference.

Tokyo, July 9.—The opinion is gaining ground that the Household expenses put at ¥4,500,000 a year shall be increased to ¥15,000,000. It is feared, however, that the proposal will not be realised in view of the financial difficulties confronted by the State at present. The expenses will, however, be increased by some ¥1,600,000, so that the total may come to approximately ¥6,100,000.

Washington, July 14.—T. C. C. of 150 more prohibition agents with an assignment to New York was ordered to-day by Acting Prohibition Chief Dow after a conference with Chester Mills, prohibition administrator of New York. Mr. Mills estimated that there are 15,000 places in New York where liquor is obtainable and that alcohol sales amount to from 400,000 to 500,000 gallons monthly. He said they would concentrate their forces on the sources of supply of alcohol and high powered beer.



The only woman industrial geologist in America is Mrs. Charles A. Gould of Oklahoma City. Her husband was a Professor of Geology when Mrs. Gould, in 1914, decided that she was rearing two children, studied the application of the science to making oil and mining surveys and now she has a tidy fortune.

Dr. K. Panek left Shanghai on July 12 for Japan to take a brief rest from his labours.

Mrs. G. A. Barclay and Miss I. A. Scott, teachers of a public school of Tacoma, who have been touring in Japan with a view to observing social and educational conditions there, since last June 27 at the expense of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, arrived in Shanghai on July 17 aboard the O.S.K. str. Arizona Maru.

Mr. C. C. Pelham, who was sent out to China for temporary duty by the Foreign Office, and who has recently acted as Pro-Consul in the British Consulate General at Tientsin, has been admitted to the Far Eastern Consular Service, and left for Peking a day or two ago to complete his course in the Chinese language before taking up another appointment.

Aviator, amateur baseball player and the youngest Representative in the Congress of the United States is the way Congressman Stewart Appleby of New Jersey wishes to be known. The Congressman arrived in Shanghai on July 13, with Mrs. Appleby, for a visit of four or five days, the centre of a Congressional party aboard the United States Transport Chaumont.

An attempt to save the manuscript of the book in which he endeavoured to prove that the ancient Egyptian language was Semitic was the cause of the death of Dr. Aaron Ember, Egyptologist, who succumbed from the effects of a fire which destroyed his house in New York. His wife, son, and the maid perished in the flames. Dr. Paul Haupt, professor of Semitic languages, stated that Dr. Ember had been working for ten years on the book, which he had hoped to publish next year. When awakened by the fire, he rushed in his library, leaving his wife to rescue the child. Later, he was seen on the porch roof, clasping the manuscript, some sheets whereof have been recovered on the lawn and some more in the ruins of the library.

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THE AUSTRALIANS.

STRONG POSITION AGAINST SCOTLAND.

FIRST DAY'S PLAY.

Edinburgh, July 21.
To-day the match began between Scotland and the Australians. There were 5,000 spectators. The wicket was soft, after rain. Scotland won the toss and batted first. They were all out by 10.15 p.m. Their total for the 1st innings



Clarence Grimmett, the googly bowler.

was 34 runs. C. A. Grimmett (South Australia) took 7 wickets for 42 runs.

Australia batted till stumps were drawn, when they had lost one wicket.

Warren Bardsley (New South Wales, and vice-captain of the present tour) was the first man out. He contributed 71. W. M. Woodfull was the other opening batsman. His score is 33 not out. The total stands at 208 runs for 1 wicket.

FISH COMPETITION.

HONGKONG ANGLING CLUB DETAILS.

The deep sea fishing competition held by the Hongkong Angling Club has been fixed for Wednesday, July 28. The "Bunch Goby" will leave Blake Pier at 7 a.m. punctually.

Light refreshments and drinks will be supplied free of charge. Fishing boats will be provided without cost, also Chinese fishing lines and worm bait. Other tackle and bait may be used (confined to the use of a rod or out-handline), but these must be supplied by competitors themselves.

The competition will be for two hours' fishing and will be started by a signal of whistles from the launch. The President and Vice-President will act as Judges, and their decision on all matters will be final.

A prize for the best catch as regards weight also one for the biggest fish, will be given, provided they are in the opinion of the Judges sufficiently large to warrant a prize.

Competitors' names must be sent in to the hon. secretary before 2 p.m. on Monday, July 26.

WASHED UP BY SEA.

MYSTERY OF WRECKED AEROPLANE.

Mystery surrounds the casting up by the sea, at Worthing, on June 12, of portions of a wrecked aeroplane. Part of the wing and body of the machine were found badly damaged.

It is believed that the wreckage, which weighs about five hundredweight, is part of an R.A.F. machine, but the Air Ministry stated that they could offer no information on the subject, as no recent accident has been reported.

They suggested that the wreckage might be connected with the loss of a plane some time ago.

On the wing are red, white and blue marks, and, in addition, stamped on the woodwork, among other details "Avro A.G. 7. Patent Mark 19th March 1925."

SUN'S PHASES.

Calendar for July.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hongkong for July, 1926. (Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich).

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
July		
22	5.50	7.09
23	5.51	7.08
24	5.51	7.08
25	5.51	7.07
26	5.52	7.07
27	5.52	7.06
28	5.52	7.06
29	5.53	7.06
30	5.53	7.05
31	5.54	7.05

Alleged to have been concerned in an armed robbery at No. 34, Tung Lo Wan Road, Causeway Bay, two Chinese were charged at the Central Magistracy this morning. Jewellery to the value of £1,892 was taken by the robbers and the arrested men had a dagger in their possession. They were remanded in police custody until Monday morning.

WINDING UP.

RESOLUTION AT DEVELOPMENT MEETING.

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT.

A review of the work of organization in connection with the scheme of building houses at Jardine's Look Out and of the difficulties which had had to be faced was given to a small body of shareholders, which attended an extraordinary general meeting yesterday of the Hongkong Development, Building and Savings Society, Ltd. at which a resolution was passed that the Company should be voluntarily wound up and Messrs. J. H. Seth and S. H. Ross appointed liquidators. A meeting to confirm the resolution will be held on July 28.

Mr. C. H. Beavis presided and there were also present two Chinese directors, Mr. E. E. Raymond, Secretary, and fourteen shareholders.

The Chairman referred to the inception of the scheme which led to the formation of the Company at a time when building prospects were favourable and the Colony thriving. Considerable time had to be devoted in discussing plans for developments and the files showed that the Directors had continually met to evolve a scheme to get on to a working basis.

The Company had met with a set back in that there was reason to believe that the first architect employed was not altogether satisfactory. When, after a lapse of time, plans were finally decided and it was possible for work of construction to commence the financial crisis had rendered the commencement impossible.

The plans of a smaller scheme which the Company had originally had in mind for the building of 16 other houses on two other lots had been completed but this was not big enough to occupy the energies and capital of the Company.

The Company had lost through death the services on the Board of Mr. Montague Ede and Mr. Chau Suk-ki and through resignation those of Father L. Robert, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall and recently another director. The remaining directors had given the matter much thought and it was with regret that they had come to the conclusion that it was advisable in the interests of shareholders that the Company should be wound up. For the purposes of going on with that work they would need the whole time and energy of some person who would take the place vacated by Mr. Ellis, whose return to the Colony, on account of his illness, was quite uncertain.

Financial Position.

The present financial position, which he had obtained from the auditors, he would give the meeting. They were aware in the last balance sheet, but it seemed that further liabilities had been incurred, such as bank interest, architects' bills, and a large claim for rent for offices to the Taxicab Company Ltd. On the face of things there was a liability to be met of from \$100,000 to \$115,000. Having gone into the position he thought it quite possible that the architects' bills might be reduced, and if so he hoped the liabilities might be reduced by a substantial sum. Of course, this liability was one they had to face, on the assumption that they would not recover from debtors to the Company. They could only hope to get

what had been deposited as securities and as shareholders knew there had been a good deal of depreciation in securities. They could not hope to recover from these anything beyond the value of the securities which they held.

Mr. W. Jackson seconded the resolution proposed by the Chairman for voluntarily winding up the affairs of the Company remarking that the Directors had taken the wisest course. The motion was carried by six votes to two.

KILLED AT BUTTS.

JURY SAY THERE SHOULD BE MORE SUPERVISION.

That there should be more supervision to prevent men exposing themselves to danger was the jury's opinion at the inquest on June 12 on Guardsman John Noble Soulsby (23), of the 1st Batt. Coldstream Guards, who was shot whilst on duty as a marker at machine-gun firing at Pirbright Ranges, near Woking.

Eleven witnesses were called, and the evidence showed that a red flag was used in the butts to check the firing of the men on the range. An officer who was at the firing-point said that when he gave the order to fire there was no red flag shown on the butt, but immediately afterwards he saw that a red flag was flying, and at once ordered a cessation of fire.

Men on duty in the butt explained that another man and Soulsby both ran out to check a certain target. No one knew whether they received an order to do so. The first man crawled back to the butt in safety, but Soulsby was struck in the head. Verdict of "Accidental death."

£1,000,000 "OFFER."

STRANGE STORY ABOUT A LIBERAL PEER.

It was disclosed, on June 12, that at the meeting at the National Liberal Club of Parliamentary candidates, one member repeated a story that a Liberal peer had offered £1,000,000 to the Party funds on condition that Mr. Lloyd George ceased to be associated with the Party.

The speaker inquired whether the tale had any foundation in fact. According to Mr. Lloyd George's supporters (says the Press Association), no direct denial of the truth of the story was given at the meeting.

PANIC IN AN OFFICE.

BANDITS SHOOT AT RANDOM AND KILL GIRL TYPIST.

Three bandits entered the offices of the Sunlight Sills Company, West Thirteenth Street, New York, on June 12, and fired indiscriminately among the forty typists and clerks. One of the girl typists was killed.

The clerks rushed for the men who hurriedly made their escape, abandoning their attempt to get possession of the firm's pay roll, amounting to several thousand dollars, which was the object of their raid.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, JULY 21, 1926, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	British Bankers' Society.
T.T. on London	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
T.T. on Shanghai	75 1/2	75 1/2	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1135 sa	1130 b	1135 b
do. London	£131 n	£20 1/2 n	£131 1/2 n
Chartered Bank	£20 1/2 b	£20 1/2 n	£20 n
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£20 1/2 b	£20 1/2 n	£20 n
do. C.	£20 1/2 b	£20 1/2 n	£20 n
P. & O. Bank	£20 1/2 b	£20 1/2 n	£20 n
Bank of East Asia	£20 1/2 b	£20 1/2 n	£20 n
Marine Insurance.	\$84 b.	\$83 b.	\$84 b.
Canton Insurance	630 b 640 s.	640 s	\$640 s.
China Underwriters	1.80 n.	1.90 b	1.90 s.
North China Insurance	T145 n.	T140 n	—
Union Insurance	201 n.	288 b	\$200 b.
Yangtze Insurance	38 b.	40 n.	—
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	200 b.	200 b.	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	590 b 600 sa	585 b.	590 b.
Shipping.			
Douglases	25 b.	25 b.	25 b.
Hongkong Steamboats	26 1/2 b.	26 1/2 b.	26 1/2 b.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	24 n.	24 n.	24 n.
Indo-China (Pref.)	30 n.	30 n.	30 n.
do. (Def.) Ltd.	40 n.	40 n.	40 n.
do. (Hk.)	—	—	—
Oriental Navigation	—	—	—
Shell Transport	88 1/2 n.	92 1/2 b.	90 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	67 1/2 b.	68 b.	\$67 1/2 b.
Water-boats	15 n.	15 b.	15 n.
Refineries.			
China Sugars	24 1/2 b.	25 b.	25 b.
Malayan Sugars	33 b.	35 s.	35 s.
Mining.			
Rengue	1 1/2 n.	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	40 n.	42 1/2 n.	47 1/2 n.
Langkats (Combined)	23 1/2 n.	T24 n.	72 n.
do. (Single)	12 1/2 n.	12 n.	—
Shanghai Exploration	5 1/2 n.	5 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	7 n.	6 1/2 n.	—
Raub	4 1/2 b.	5 b.	4 1/2 b.
Tronoh Mines	60 n.	60 n.	—
Ural Caspians	8 n.	—	—
Docks, Wharves			
Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$122 1/2 b.	122 b.	\$122 b.
H.K. & W. Docks	54 1/2 b.	54 1/2 b.	54 1/2 b.
Hongkew	T170 b.	—	170 b.
New Engineering	53 1/2 b.	75.85 b.	53 1/2 b.
Shanghai Docks	119 b.	117 b.	115 b.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	11 1/2 sa	11 1/2 b 11 1/2 sa	11.10 b.
do. (new)	—	—	—
Hongkong Lands	65 1/2 b.	66 s.	66 s.
H.K. Realty	5 1/2 n.	5 s.	5 s.
H.K. Territorial	5 n.	5 n.	5 s.
Humphreys Estates	14 1/2 n.	15 n.	15 s. 14 1/2 sa.
Princes-Building	90 n.	90 n.	—
Rural Lands	1 1/2 b.	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	9 b.	T9 1/2 b.	T9 1/4 b.
Oriental	2.70 s.	2.74 b.	2.74 b.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	51 b.	53 n.	53 n.
do. (new)	26 b.	28 b.	27 n.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ice	\$7 1/2 n.	\$6 s.	\$7 n.
Cements (comb.)	13 1/2 n.	14 1/2 n.	13 1/2 b.
do. (old)	12 n.	13 n.	11 b.
do. (new)	2 n.	2 1/2 n.	2 b.
China Buses	10 1/2 b.	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	21 n.	21 n.	21 s.
do. (old)	15 1/2 n.	15 1/2 n.	15 1/2 s.
do. (new)	12 n.	10 n.	12 s.
China Prov. (comb.)	—	—	—
do. (old)	5 80 s.	6 b.	6 b.
do. (new)	—	—	—
Dairy Farms	16 1/2 b.	16 1/2 n.	17 s.
Avro Wing (full pd.)	6 s.	8 s.	—
do. (part pd.)	—	—	—
Hongkong Amusements	11 1/2 n.	11 1/2 b.	—
H.K. Constructions	24 n.	3 n.	3 1/2 s.
Hongkong Electric	68 b 68 1/2 sa	68 1/2 b.	67 1/2 b.
H.K. Developments	15 cts s.	10 cts s.	10 n.
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	26 s.	10 n.	10 s.
do. (old)	10 s.	10 n.	10 s.
do. (new)	5 s.	5 n.	5 s.
Hongkong Tramways	25 1/2 b.	25 1/2 b.	25 1/2 s.
Lane, Crawford	9 n.	8 b.	9 s.
Macao Electric	35 n.	—	—
Mackintosh	19 1/2 n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobacco	13 b.	13 b.	13 b.
Peak Tram (old)	16 1/2 b.	17 1/2 b.	17 b.
do. (new)	7.00 n.	8 n.	7 1/2 s.
Sinceres	11 n.	10 n.	9 1/2 s.
Singapore Trams	10 1/2 b 12 s.	11 1/2 b.	23 1/2 n.
Taxis	3 s.	3 s.	—
United Asbestos	20 n.	—	—
do. (Founders)	—	600 n.	—
do. (Ordinary)	—	18 n.	—
Watsons (old)	13 n.	13 1/2 b.	13 n.
do. (new)	—	—	—
Wm. Powells	6 1/2 n.	5.90 n.	5 1/2 b.
H.K. Telephone	—	—	4.10 s.

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(British Wireless Service.)

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Shanghai... 2 1/4

Hongkong... 3 1/4

Yokohama... 1 1/2 1/2

Silver Spot & Forward... 20 9/16

The Rev. A. J. Amery, B.D., Principal of the Victoria Bridge School, Singapore, has left for Home. He has not yet decided whether he will return to the Straits. Mr. Amery has been in Singapore about thirty years, first with the Methodist Mission and recently with the Government Department of Education.

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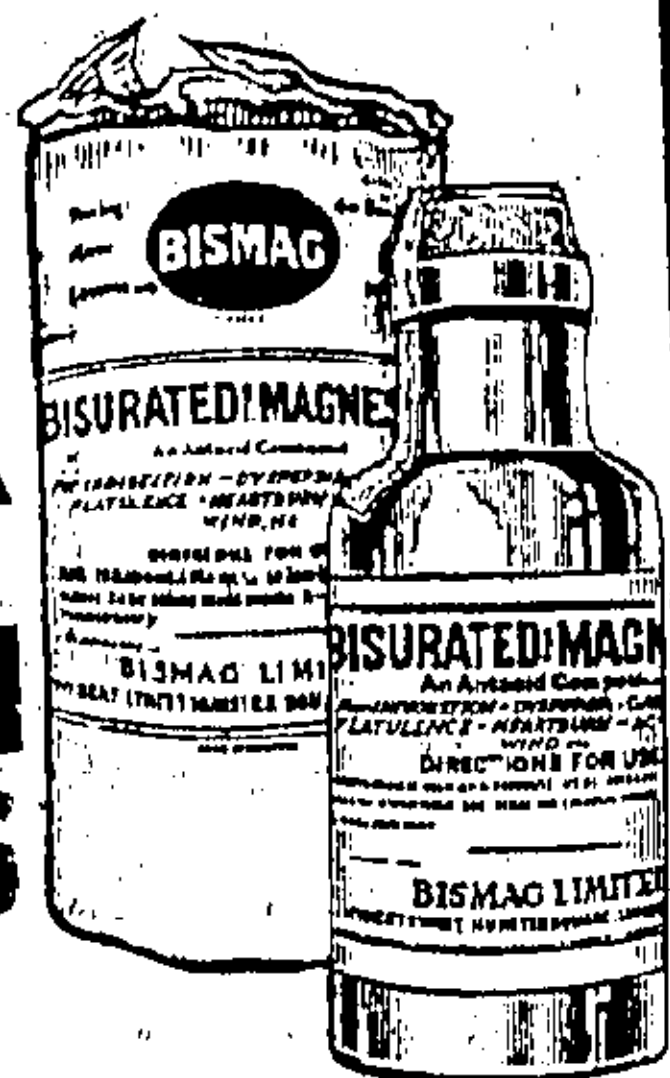
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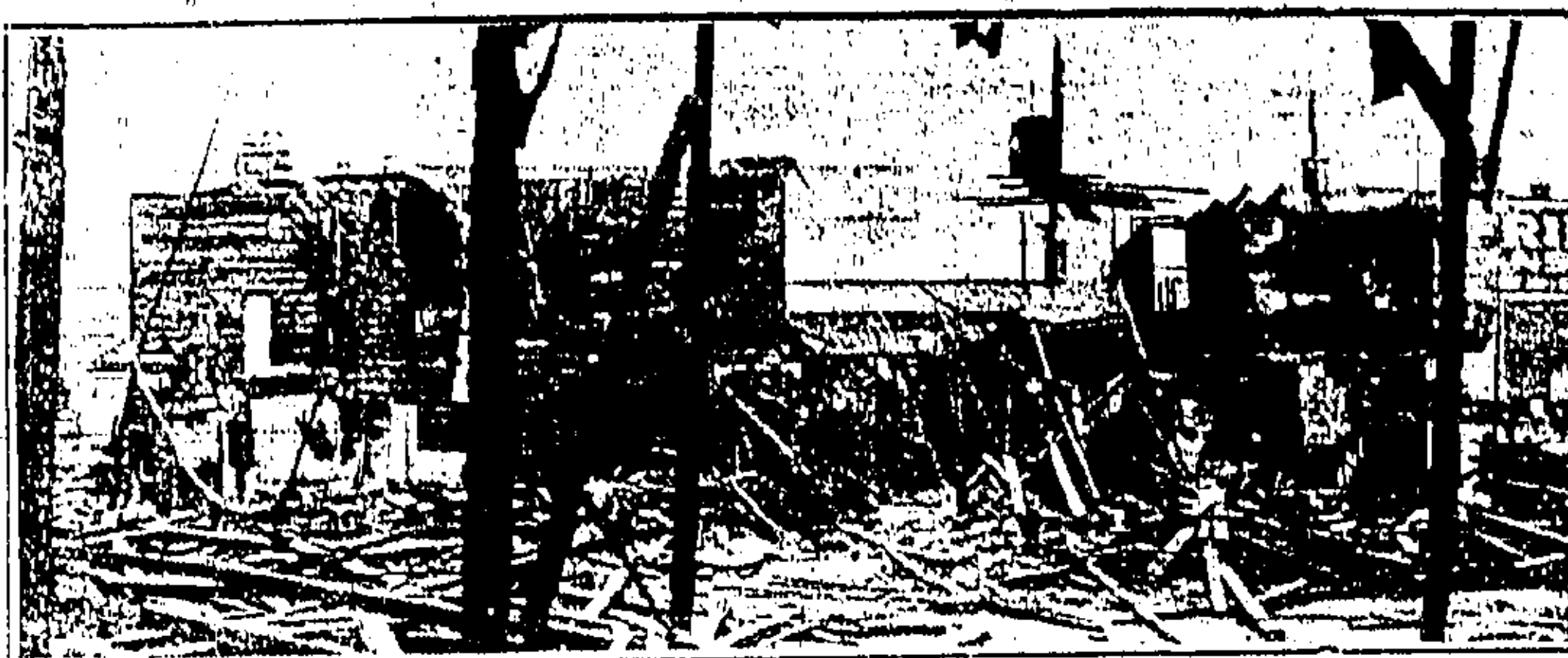
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People and Events in the News of the World



Doris Stevens and 34 other members of the American Women's Party were barred from the Women's International Convention in Paris by members of the American League of Women Voters.



Eight persons, members of two families, were killed when fire destroyed these two homes at Canastota, New York.



Mrs. W. Freedland Kendrick, wife of Mayor Kendrick of Philadelphia, switched on the light that illuminated the giant Liberty Bell at the opening of the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition.



When a tanker rammed the Washington Irving river steamer, in New York harbor, Captain David H. Deming ran it into shallow water, preventing a great loss of life. Picture shows the crew being landed after all the vessel except the top deck, was below water.



"Peaches" Brown, nee Heenan, girl-wife of the wealthy E. D. Brown, was one of the first to appear on the beach at Atlantic City this season.



Kindling wood and scrap iron was all that was left of freight cars struck by the "Owl," crack New York to Boston train at Mansfield, Massachusetts. One man was killed and 25 were injured.



Dorothy Jacqueline Jowell and James Gates Marty, both Americans, were married in Rome after their wedding had been held up a month by legal technicalities.



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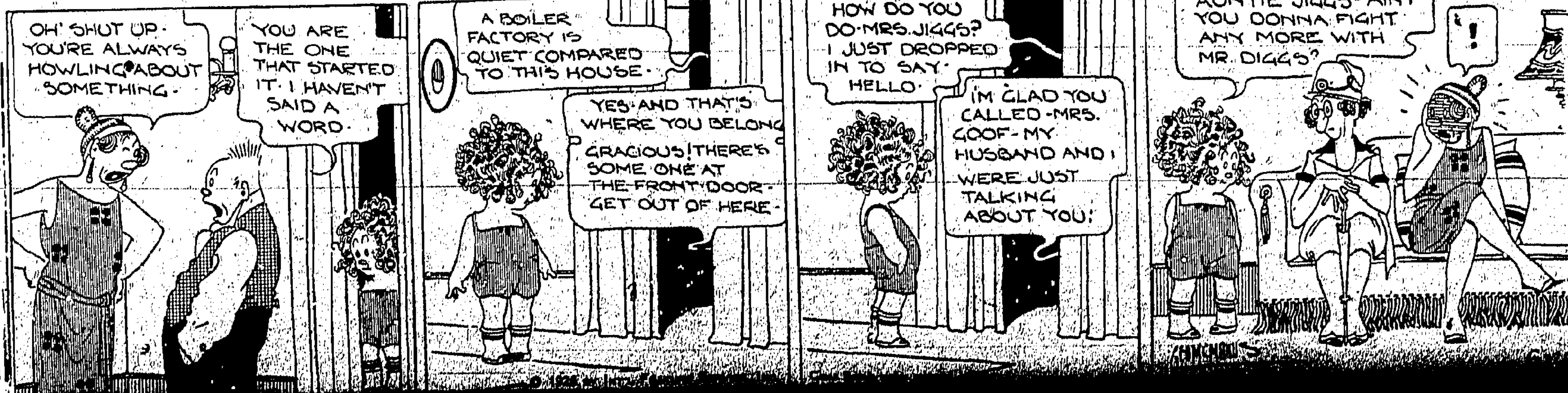
MRS. E. T. STOTESBURY



DAVID H. BLAIR

Representative Louis C. Cramton, of Michigan, has been accused of accepting fees from the Anti-Saloon League. Mr. Ward T. Van Orman recently won the international balloon race. Plans of Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury, society woman, for a new social centre in Florida were set back when the project went into bankruptcy. Reports mention Mr. David H. Blair, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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CENOTAPH OF 1817.

WATERLOO BRIDGE AT ITS BUILDING.

A MEMORIAL OF VALOUR.

(By J. C. Squire.)

The House of Commons put up a fair show when it was invited to reject the Waterloo Bridge clause in the L.C.C. Bill. The defenders of the bridge were beaten only by a three to two majority. The Government remained neutral—feeling, no doubt, that any expressed Government sympathy with the old bridge would imply a willingness to subscribe to the Charing Cross Bridge, which all parties, know to be ultimately inevitable, but the cost of which all parties prefer to leave to their children. Rather than face it, Waterloo Bridge is to be sacrificed. A new bridge at Waterloo will look like an attempt to do something and solve something. But there is no real conviction in the pretence that it will, or possibly can, relieve traffic congestion. If the new big bridge is used up to "capiety," the Strand congestion will be worse than ever. And the old rash assertion that the existing bridge is beyond renovation cannot be maintained against the weight of expert opinion to the contrary.

Finest Bridge of Centuries.

The bridge, which Lord Crawford recently described as the finest bridge built in the last 300 years, is to go; and with the certainty that a generation hence we shall all be stigmatised as vandals for letting it go. Reflecting upon the absurd irony of the situation, I suddenly thought of "looking up" what was said about the bridge at the time of its opening in 1817. It would provide an appendix to "The Vanity of Human Wishes."

Months before the bridge was opened "The Times" was announcing the preparations for the festivities. They were to take place on June 18, 1817, "the anniversary of the memorable and glorious victory"—for the bridge was the "War Memorial" of the Napoleonic wars. The Duke of Wellington was to be the first person to ride over the bridge; "many of the eminent troops who distinguished themselves in the battle" would take part. These particulars were amplified in "The Observer" of June 15, which stated that the Duke would be accompanied by the Regent, and would ride the charger he rode at Waterloo. The King's State barges would receive the Regent at half-past one, and "to add to the aquatic show, the Lord Mayor in the City State-barge, accompanied by the members of the Corporation, will, it is expected, grace the ceremony."

The ceremony took place. "John Constable painted it in one of the less successful of his pictures. The picture, alas, will last longer than the bridge."

They knew what they were doing with that bridge. "The Times" next day did due justice to the "ceremony," recording the fact that

on this occasion the Guards wore their new pantaloons, of a claret mixture, striped on the outside with scarlet.

"Beauty That Must Die."

It recorded the fashionable ball, the vulgar fair, the monstrous charge of 5s. which people had to pay for seats on distant house-tops. But it paid fine tribute to the bridge itself, which was to commemorate, "in the most noble manner, the ever memorable battle," and perpetuate great deeds. I extract a few passages:

Monuments of this kind have stronger claims on public respect than the costly construction of pillars, obelisks, and towers.

The bridges of Jena and Austerlitz, however elegant and convenient, are but trifles in civil architecture and engineering when compared with that which was opened yesterday.

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It gives the grandest view we have of the river in its beautiful meander, displays the rising crescent of buildings on the north side, and brings out Somerset Terrace in the most favourable way.

A very high testimonial to the great abilities of Mr. Rennie, the architect.

"This noble structure," concluded "The Times," "is to go." So is the favourable display of Somerset House. So is the fount of those civic dreams. And so is the "perpetual" memorial of the great Duke's wars, and the "eminent" troops who died in them or survived them.

For if all things pass, "in our civilisation the best things seem to be in most constant peril." A hundred years hence, when they are pulling down the Cenotaph as an obstacle to traffic, it is quite likely that Charing Cross Station will still be where it is, and that the vile gardens of Hungerford Bridge will still govt over the reach which was once so majestically spanned by Rennie's masterpiece.



Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jun., of New York, publisher of three tabloid newspapers, offered to give his \$1,500,000 patrimony as security to raise \$300,000 which he needs to put his publications on a paying basis. It is asserted that his family has advanced \$1,080,000 since he has been engaged in the publishing business.

"THIS FREEDOM."

HEADMISTRESS AND THE MODERN GIRL.

"We always make allowance for father's strong language, but now mother is nearly as bad, and it is having a serious effect upon the girls' speech among themselves. This is all part of the so-called greater freedom."

This was one of many observations on the modern girl and boy made by Miss Morison, of the Frances Holland School for Girls, Graham Street, in an address at the conference at Acton, on June 12, of the Association of Headmistresses.

Other points in Miss Morison's speech were:

Recently, at an unpleasant, but very witty, play, it was shocking to note that the audience was more amused by the swearing than by the real witticisms.

"Granny" was no longer content to sit picturesquely in the chimney corner and ask for her Bible, her knitting, and her footstool, but cried aloud for betting tips and dance favours.

Girls might read any bosh, see any play, or go with any boy along to a dance. Not long ago a parent was asked to remove a child from a school because the child had written a letter to a boy. The worst sentence in the letter was: "Darling—Do send me your photo." Could they wonder that the child wanted the boy's photo in a girls' school? (Laughter.)

BYRON'S HONEY-MOON.

A STORY OF HALNABY HALL.

(By Oliver Brackett.)

There is still standing in the North of England a house, Halnaby Hall, a few miles from Darlington, which was for a short time intimately associated with Byron. This was the house where the poet spent his honeymoon. Little attention seems to have been paid to it by his biographers, but it remains to-day, inside and outside, almost unaltered, and is not lacking in romantic associations.

The house itself is an imposing red brick structure of the seventeenth century, with a central block and side-wings crowned with a balustrade, and having tall sash windows of the type associated with the later Renaissance in England. On one face projects a stone porch in two storeys, a feature suggestive of the period of Elizabeth or James I., and giving the impression that the building with its transitional character may have been the work of Inigo Jones or his pupil Webb. The interior shows signs of having been re-decorated towards the middle of the eighteenth century. One room originally the hall, and now used as the dining-room, is most elaborately ornamented on walls and ceiling with relief decoration in the French style which became fashionable about this date. Much of the furniture, which includes a pair of extravagant gilt mirrors in the Chinese-Chippendale style, can be assigned to this period. Nevertheless, all the interior as it stands to-day remains almost unaltered since the time of Byron's visit.

A Story of Byron.

It was through his marriage with Miss Milbanke that Byron comes to be associated with Halnaby Hall. The house belonged to the Milbanke family and was lent to the poet and his wife for their honeymoon. A few of Byron's letters written from Halnaby have been preserved, one of which addressed to his friend George, shows his characteristic, if somewhat forced, sense of humour: Halnaby, Darlington, Jan. 10, 1815.

I was married this day week. The parson has pronounced it—Derry has announced it—and the "Morning Post" also, as if it were a fabrication, or the puff-direct of a row stay-maker.

Then, after various references to literary matters, follows a footnote:

P.S.—Lady Byron is vastly well. How are Mrs. Moore and Joe Atkinson's "Graces"? We must present our women to one another.

There is a story told of Byron's stay at Halnaby which we are permitted to reproduce through the courtesy of Lady Wilson-Todd, the present owner of the estate. It relates to a nightmare, or fit of madness, which overcame the poet, and the episode was related in a letter written out by Dr. Skegby, whose father is said to have received it in Greece from Byron himself. Byron, according to this legend, sleeping in an old-fashioned, bedstead with red moreen hangings, dreamed about Orpheus and Eurydice, "and when half-awake, imagined himself to be Orpheus. The fire-light shining through the bright red hangings made the dream more vivid and impressive. He seized Lady Byron in a sort of frenzy to carry her off, using at the same time fearful language; the more she resisted, the wilder he grew—in fact, it was like a sudden temporary madness, as Byron himself described it."

The writer suggests that this was the commencement of Lady Byron's suspicions of her husband's madness, suspicions which his subsequent conduct did not help to allay.

Dr. C. T. Wang, formerly Minister for Foreign Affairs, who had been staying at 90 Rue Amiral Courbet, Shanghai, is reported to have left secretly for Tientsin.

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